

News and Events at Rocky River Public Library

Inside View

MAY THROUGH AUGUST 2024



ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
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A Message from the Director



Adventure Begins at Your Library this summer! It's true. We have an amazing lineup of exciting programs for all ages and of course our Summer Reading program. Not only does research show that students that read over the summer have decreased learning loss, sometimes referred to as the "summer slide", but we also know that summer readers become lifelong learners with a thirst for knowledge and community that they never outgrow. That's why we invite you to start your summer off right with our all-ages Summer Reading Block Party Adventure

on Saturday, June 8 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm on the Library Lawn. Register for Summer Reading and enjoy food, games, and music! Our popular Lawn Concerts will be back on June 12 with the musical stylings of Diana Chittester, and July 17 featuring The Wallace Coleman 4. Pop over with a chair or a blanket and enjoy the tunes and food trucks!

Add to your summer adventures by reading *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown and joining in the community conversation. You'll discover the true story of nine University of Washington students learning to become a strong eight-man rowing team while facing financial issues during the Great Depression. Their battle to become respected competitors in an elite sport will have you pulling for them on every page. Take an adventure into the exciting world of technology this summer! We have programs on the basics and Microsoft products, as well as exploring the fascinating combination of technology and adventure that is Geocaching on July 24.

If you are looking for a way to stay cool in the summer heat, we've got you covered. Join us for a book discussion, movie matinee or just to come in to check out the new mural, Evan Laisure's *A Walk in the Park*, in the children's staircase. Art lovers have opportunities for adventure as well in our Crafting with the Curator. Participants can design their own pair of ceramic candlesticks on June 26 and 27. Meet two local ceramic artists as they share their process. Artist Geno Luketic will present on July 24 and our Cowan Feature artist of the year, Susie Underwood, will join us on August 14 to discuss their work.

RRPL will host our annual PRIDE Fest on Saturday August 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This is truly an all-ages celebration for all to share their PRIDE at this annual event to support the LGBTQ+ community with our families, friends and neighbors. There will be activities, food and a new artist alley feature for 2024!

We've made a few changes to our administrative structure this year and an updated organizational chart is available on our website for your review. Congratulations to Peter Matera, who is the new RRPL Deputy Director of Internal Services effective March 1, 2024, and our continued gratitude to Trent Ross for providing excellent service to the community in his role as Deputy Director of Public Services.

Stop in and say hello soon!

Jessica Breslin

Annual Report

See our recorded data from 2023.

TOTAL VISITORS
207,852

ITEMS CIRCULATED
695,450

ELECTRONIC ITEMS CIRCULATED
153,629

TOTAL PHYSICAL COLLECTION ITEMS
124,807

EXPENSES \$5,460,551

SALARY & BENEFITS	\$3,444,459
TRANSFERS OUT	\$571,947
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$560,937
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$525,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$252,201
SUPPLIES & OTHER	\$106,007

REVENUE \$5,743,105

PROPERTY TAX	\$3,553,009
PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND	\$875,108
TRANSFERS IN	\$525,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	\$405,269
INTEREST RECEIPTS	\$280,880
FINES & FEES	\$68,044
CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS, & OTHER	\$35,795



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE
17,205



CARD HOLDERS
22,400



OUTREACH

SCHOOL AND DAYCARE VISITS
166



REFERENCE TRANSACTIONS
53,885



COMPUTER SESSIONS
27,324

HOMEBOUND VISITS
418



HOURS OF OPERATION
3,513



NEW MATERIALS
29,743

TOTAL PROGRAMS **1,035**

CHILDREN'S **580** ADULT **169** TEEN **147** TRAINING **120**



COWAN POTTERY MUSEUM **19**

Keep an eye out for these symbols in this edition of the Inside View!



Programs that are funded by the Belle Moll Children's Programming Fund are represented by this icon. The fund is used for activities and equipment that benefit Children's Services.



Cuyahoga Reads improves literacy skills through programs that are sponsored by a grant from the Ohio Department of Education.



This icon indicates a program sponsored by the Friends of RRPL. Through membership dues and proceeds from the Ongoing Book Sale, the Friends provide financial support and volunteer services to the Library.



This icon will appear next to programs and events for PRIDE and LGBTQ+ related events.



Programs and events with the compass icons are for the Summer Reading programs.

All Ages

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 4,
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.

2024 SUMMER READING: ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Saturday, June 1 to Saturday, July 27

Sign up in person or online through the Beanstack website or app.

Children: Track how many minutes you read or are read to in Beanstack or on your paper game board to earn fun, themed prizes.

Teens: Track how many minutes you read online, write reviews, and complete activities to earn prize raffle tickets.

Adults: Track your reading online or complete a paper entry to earn prize raffle tickets.



CITYWIDE SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, June 1 to Sunday, June 30

Stop by the Library for a fun adventure! Patrons of all ages will begin their journey at the Library and follow the clues to find Roc E. Rover hidden throughout the city of Rocky River. Complete the hunt at your own pace to be entered to win a prize!



SUMMER READING BLOCK PARTY ADVENTURE

For all ages

Saturday, June 8,
12:00 to 3:00 pm, Library Lawn

Begin your summer adventure at the Library! Adults, teens, and children are encouraged to start their summer right by signing up for our Summer Reading Program. Unlock new prize levels by reading, attending events, and completing activities. Celebrate the midpoint of our Cuyahoga Reads program with the kickoff of One Book, One City: **The Boys in the Boat** by **Daniel James Brown**. Stay for food, games, and music. Adventure begins at your Library!



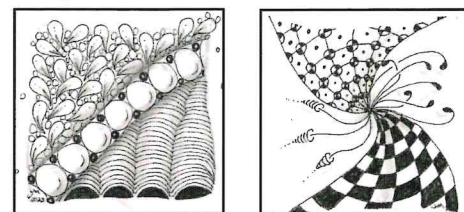
What's New

Registration begins May 1.

ART + YOU: ZENTANGLE

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 to 8:00 pm,
Elmwood Park & Cabin,
600 Elmwood Road, Rocky River

Join Certified Zentangle teacher **Judy Montgomery** for a small group experience in creating calming Zentangle patterns. Materials will be provided, no previous experience required. For ages 18 and up, space is limited. *Registration required.*



READING IN THE DARK

Saturday, July 13
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Community Room

Too much fun in the sun got you down? Escape the summer with bone-chilling tales of desolation and woe! Come together to discuss your favorite scary stories, gothic novels, or spine-tingling tales of terror. *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 a food truck and enjoy live music on our lawn.



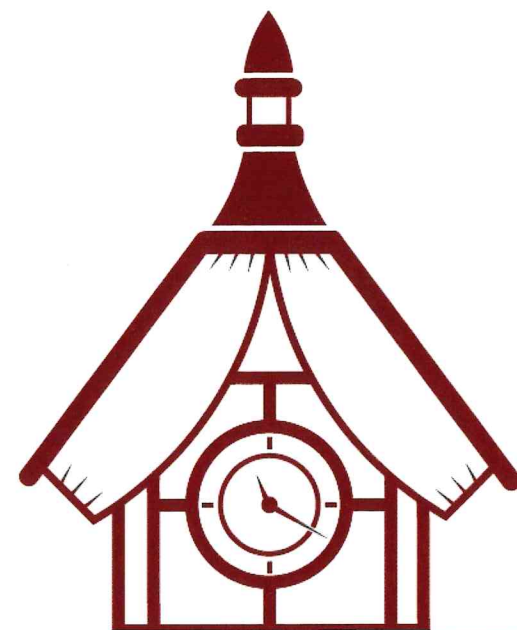
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July 17 | **The Wallace Coleman 4**

PRIDE FESTIVAL

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2:00 to 4:00 pm, Library Parking Lot &
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!



**ONE BOOK
ONE CITY**
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Cowan Pottery Museum

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

HISTORY TALKS: FASHION AFTER DARK

Wednesday, May 29,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

Patty Edmonson, Museum Advisory Council Curator of Costume & Textiles will discuss their research for the exhibit *Fashion After Dark* at the **Western Reserve Historical Society**.

CRAFTING WITH THE CURATOR

Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 to 8:00 pm,
Thursday, June 27, 10:00 to 11:00 am,
Community Room

Design and curate your own pair of ceramic candlesticks. Made possible through a grant from the **Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities**. *Registration required.*

ARTIST GENO LUKETIC

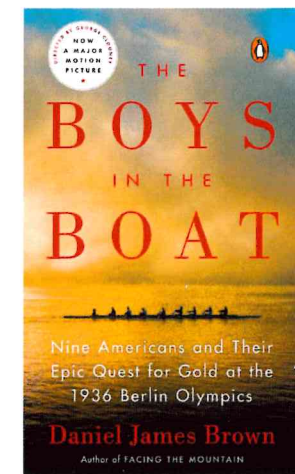
Wednesday, July 24,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Artist **Geno Luketic** will present how they collect and process Ohio clay for their ceramic practice.

COWAN FEATURED ARTIST: SUSIE UNDERWOOD

Wednesday, August 14,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Join artist **Susie Underwood** as they discuss their practice and the work on display in the Community Case.



June 8 through July 27

Add to your summer adventures by reading *Boys in the Boat* by **Daniel James Brown** and joining in the community conversation. You'll discover the true story of nine University of Washington students learning to become a strong eight-man rowing team while facing financial issues during the Great Depression. Their battle to become respected competitors in an elite sport will have you pulling for them on every page.

With support from the Cuyahoga Reads project, 100 copies of the paperback book for adults and 150 copies of the young reader edition will be available to patrons attending the Summer Reading Block Party on June 8 while supplies last. Print, audio, and digital copies of each title are also available to borrow through the Library.

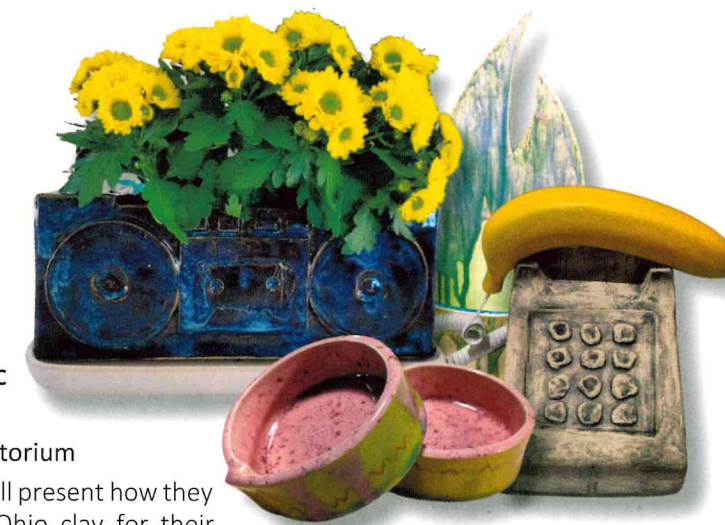
ONE BOOK, ONE CITY BUDDY READ

Online buddy read will be available on **ReaditorWeep.org** starting June 8. Read along with us and check back every two weeks to find questions to consider and conversation starters.

ONE BOOK, ONE CITY ALL AGES BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Green Room
Tuesday, July 30, 10:30 to 11:30 am,
Rocky River Senior Center, 21014 Hilliard Blvd.

Bring your young reader, or bring your adult, and join us at either, or both, in-person discussions of *Boys in the Boat*.



WANT TO SEE MORE?

To view the collection digitally visit rrpl.org/cowan or schedule a tour by

PHONE 440-895-3763
EMAIL cowan@rrpl.org



Family Events

Registration begins Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am. To register, visit rrpl.org and click on 'Events', call 440-333-7610 x 4, or stop by the Children's Department. Registration required when noted.

ADAPTED STORYTIME

Saturdays, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 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. Registration required.

MR. ZAP'S SCIENCE OF MAGIC

Tuesday, June 11, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Auditorium



In this hands-on STEM show, you will learn the science behind a variety of toys ranging from over a hundred years ago to the modern day. A blend of magic and audience interaction will entertain, educate, and amaze. Registration required.

CURBSIDE CRAFTS TO GO

Mondays, June 17 & July 15, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Lobby



Beat the heat and pick up a packet by the front door 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. Available while supplies last.

READ WITH PRIDE



Monday, June 3, 6:30 to 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 4, 10:15 to 10:45 am, Purple Room

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



READ, WRITE, RECOMMEND

This summer, read books from the Notable Children's Book List, and write a Friend Recommendation using our simple template. Parents may help. The recommendations will be collected so that others can see what you think and you can find your next fun read.

JUNETEENTH JAMBOREE

For school-age children & their families

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Juneteenth – also known as Freedom Day – here at the Library! On June 19, 1865, enslaved people in Texas finally received the news that they were free. Enjoy books, songs, crafts, and refreshments to commemorate this jubilant day of freedom in America's past, present, and future. Registration required.



THE MAGIC OF BUBBLES

Tuesday, June 25, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, 6:30 to 7:15 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! Registration required.

INSIDE DRIVE-IN: CRAFT

For children ages 5-7 & their caregivers

Wednesday, July 3, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Auditorium

Join us as we make cars out of cardboard boxes to create a drive-in theater right in our Auditorium. Even if you cannot make the craft portion, you are welcome to come for the movie when we watch *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*. Registration required.

INSIDE DRIVE-IN: THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

Wednesday, July 3, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, Auditorium

Join us to watch *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*.



THE MAGIC OF BUBBLES WITH THE BUBBLE LADY, SUE DURANTE



CELEBRATE THE OLYMPICS WITH OLYMPIG!



Tuesday, July 30, 10:15 to 11:00 am, Auditorium

Join us as we share the book *Olympig!* by Victoria Jamieson and celebrate with songs, a craft, and other fun activities. Participants will receive their own copy of the book to keep. Registration required.



OUTBACK RAY'S AMAZING ANIMAL SHOW

Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Auditorium

Outback Ray will entertain all ages with his exciting and educational hands-on show. You will meet a variety of animals close-up and learn what makes each one unique. Registration required.

MINI GOLF ADVENTURE: BUILDING SESSION

For school-age children, tweens, & their families

Thursday, August 1, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Auditorium

Does your family like building with everyday objects? If so, come create a golf hole for our Mini Golf Adventure! Just bring your imagination, and we will provide supplies and examples. Then stay to play the course. Please register as a family.



MINI GOLF ADVENTURE: PLAY THE COURSE

Thursday, August 1, 3:30 to 5:00 pm, Auditorium

Stop by the Library to play a round or two of mini golf on a course created by our Library community.



Children's Programs

Registration begins Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am. To register, visit rrpl.org and click on 'Events', call 440-333-7610 x 4, or stop by the Children's Department. Registration required when noted.

Storytimes

June 10 through July 18 (skips June 19 and the week of July 4)

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 afterwards and have fun socializing. *Registration required.*

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. *Registration required.*

KINDERGARTEN HERE I COME *For children ages 4-6 on their own*

Mondays, 1:30 to 2:15 pm & 7:00 to 7:45 pm,

Thursdays, 10:15 to 11:00 am,
Purple Room

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and activities designed to strengthen key skills for school success. Help your preschooler prepare for the transition to kindergarten. *Registration required.*

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

Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:00 pm, 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. *Registration required.*


BIRTH TO AGE 6

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

Thursdays, May 16, July 25, August 8,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Enjoy some quality time with local families while playing with toys and reading books. Let's have some fun!

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

Monday, July 22
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. *Registration required.* 

PARACHUTE PLAY *For children ages 4-6*

Monday, July 22,
1:30 to 2:00 pm & 6:30 to 7:00 pm,
Purple Room

Jump in and get energized with a parachute, music, and movement! *Registration required.*



GRADES K-3

SUPER READERS *For students completing grades K-3*




Saturdays, June 15, July 13, August 10,
1:00 to 2:00 pm, Purple Room

What is your super strength? The Super Readers Program is designed to increase vocabulary, fluency, and sight words using a Marvel and DC comics theme while incorporating art, poetry, creative writing and more! Presented by Making A Difference Consulting. *Registration required.*


TRAILS AND TALES, JR. *For students completing grades 1-3 & their caregivers*

Thursday, June 20,
4:30 to 5:15 pm, Offsite

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. Offsite location will be emailed before the program. *Registration required.* 

SOLAR SNACKS *For students completing grades 1-3*

Saturday, June 29,
12:30 to 1:30 pm, Library Lawn

Join us as we construct solar ovens and explore solar energy. Weather permitting, we will harness the sun's energy to create a yummy snack. *Registration required.* 

LIFE-SIZED GAMING *For students completing grades K-2*

Thursday, July 25,
4:30 to 5:30 pm, Auditorium

Come and be an actual piece of the game! We will enter the worlds of **Pac-Man**® and **Hungry, Hungry Hippos**® with you as the game pieces on life-sized game boards. *Registration required.*

SUMMER READING GAME BOARD

June 1 through July 27

Sign up in person or online through the Beanstack website or app. Track how many minutes you read or are read to in Beanstack or on your paper game board to earn fun, themed prizes.



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.

FROM SEED TO TABLE *For students completing grades 4 and up & their adult*

Thursday, May 30, Purple Room,
Thursday, August 15, Library Lawn,
4:30 to 5:30 pm

Join us as we plant seeds and seedlings in our raised garden beds. Once they are grown, we will harvest and make a snack. Each program will have an indoor and outdoor component. Adults and children will plant, sow, and enjoy together. *Registration required.* 

LIT THROUGH THE ARTS *For students completing grades 4-6*



Thursdays, June 13, July 11, August 8,
2:00 to 3:00 pm, Purple Room

Explore artistic expression and develop writing and reading skills using hands-on multimedia projects, visual art, stories, and creative arts. Presented by **Making A Difference Consulting**. *Registration required.*

MASTERMINDS *For students completing grades 4-6*

Thursday, June 20,
3:30 to 4:30 pm, Auditorium

Join us to compete both individually and as teams to complete a series of fun tasks designed to test your wit, problem-solving skills, creativity, and ingenuity. *Registration required.*

JACKBOX® PARTY HOUR FOR TWEENS *For students completing grades 4-6*


Thursday, June 27,
Tuesday, July 9,
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Green Room

Drawful 2, Fibbage, Tee K.O., Guesspionage, and more will be played during this **Jackbox® Party Hour for Tweens**. You bring your quick wits and humor, we'll provide the devices. Game on! *Registration required.*

WHERE IN THE LIBRARY IS KATHERINE WILDER? *For students completing grades 4-6*



Thursday, July 18,
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Purple Room

Ms. Wilder, Rocky River Public Library's first Librarian and Director, is missing! Work together to navigate the Library, solving clues to find her before it's too late. *Registration required.* 

STICKER MOSAIC SURPRISE

July 1 through 31, Mezzanine

Stop by the Children's Department, tell us the title of a favorite book, and add tiles to our large Sticker Mosaic Surprise poster. Can you guess the surprise image?



Teen Programs

Registration begins May 1.
Programs require registration when noted.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 4,
9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Teen Room
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.

SEELEY TEST PROS

Tuesdays,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
May 7 | **Roadmap to College**
New to the college admissions process? Learn about the process from test taking to completing applications *Registration required.*

May 21 | **SAT vs ACT**
Learn about the pros, cons, and features of the SAT and ACT so you can help your student maximize their test success. *Registration required.*

June 18 | **Teen Reading Outside of School**
Learn about research-supported facts and strategies for building regular reading habits outside of the classroom. *Registration required.*

August 20 | **Study Skills Success**
Learn about the "study cycle" and the "study senses" to get the most out of studying. *Registration required.*

SUMMER READING

June 1 through July 27
This summer Adventure Begins at Your Library! Log into or create an account in the Beanstack app and start reading! Log your minutes, write reviews, and complete a variety of activities to earn grand prize raffle tickets. Benchmark prizes will be available throughout, and grand prizes will be awarded at the end. Grades 7-12. *Registration required.*



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BIG SCREEN ADVENTURES

Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm,
Community Room
Escape the heat with popcorn and a movie!
June 13 | **The Marvels (2023)**
PG-13, 1hr 45mins

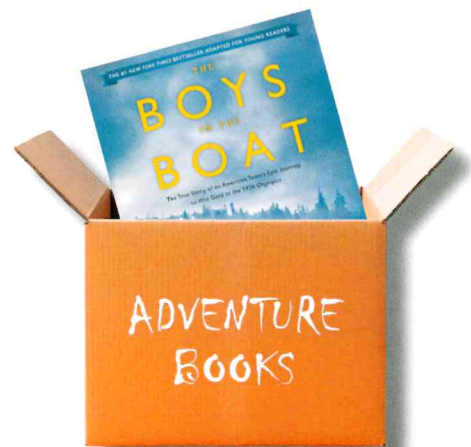
June 27 | **Five Nights at Freddy's (2023)**
PG-13, 1hr 50mins

July 11 | **Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (2023)**
PG-13, 2hrs 14mins

July 25 | **Gran Turismo (2023)**
PG-13, 2hr 15mins

ADVENTURES IN READING

Pick up June 10 through 16
Start your summer off with a box of adventure books! Each box includes a copy of **The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)** by **Daniel James Brown**, a second book of your choice, and plenty of goodies, and activities. See **page 5** for more details. Grades 7-12. *Registration required.*



PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 10,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Library Parking Lot & 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!



Students in grades 9-12 can earn service hours credit at RRPL. All volunteers must complete an application prior to their first shift. Find available shifts and links to the forms on the online calendar by entering **Teen Volunteer Program** into the search bar.



Adult Book Discussions

Registration begins May 1.
Programs require registration when noted.



THE SECRET DIARIES OF CHARLES IGNATIUS SANCHO

Thursday, May 2,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Purple Room

Join us to discuss **Paterson Joseph's The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho**, a novelization of the life of Sancho: musician, abolitionist, man of letters, and theater lover. This is a companion event to the "Sounds of Sancho's London" music performance on May 7.

RIVERINOS

Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 pm,
Community Room

May 15 | **Gator Country: Deception, Danger, and Alligators in the Everglades** by **Rebecca Renner**

Florida native and journalist, **Renner** reports on the world of alligator poaching in the Everglades, telling the story of one of the most prolific poachers and the lead undercover agent of Operation Alligator Thief.

July 27 | **Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee** by **Casey Cep**

By the 1970s Lee seemed destined to never publish another book. However, inspired by Truman Capote's true crime success, she returned to her home state to attend and report on the trial of Reverend Willie Maxwell, a preacher accused of murdering family members for insurance. This is the story of how that book never came to be.

August 21 | **Dusk & Shadow: The Mystery of Beverly Potts**

Beverly Potts was 10 years old when she disappeared from Halloran Park on Cleveland's West Side in 1951. Documentary filmmaker **Mark Wade Stone** reports on the case in this 2004 film. Not rated. 53 minutes.

ADULT ROCKY RIVER READERS BOOK GROUP

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm,
Green Room

June 6 | **Hello Beautiful** by **Ann Napolitano**

At Northwestern University on a college basketball scholarship, William Waters meets the spirited Julia Padovano. After William is welcomed into the Padovano household, it is the sisters' lives that are forever changed in this tale of love and family. Read and come to discuss.

August 15 | **Lady Tan's Circle of Women** by **Lisa See**

Tan Yunxian is taught Chinese medicine as a child and becomes a skilled physician—until she is married and forbidden to practice what she has learned. Inspired by a true story, this fascinating historical novel celebrates a group of resilient women in 15th-century China who dared to defy societal norms. Read and come to discuss.

READING IN THE DARK

Saturday, July 13,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Community Room

Too much fun in the sun got you down? Escape the summer with bone-chilling tales of desolation and woe! Come together to discuss your favorite scary stories, Gothic novels, or spine-tingling tales of terror. *Registration required.*

BOOK LOVERS SOCIAL

Saturday, June 29,
2:00 to 3:00 pm, Community Room

Do you love reading? Bring your favorite book, join your fellow book lovers for an afternoon of snacks and conversation, and leave with a longer to-be-read list. *Registration recommended.*

BOOK A CHAT WITH CHIEF LICHMAN

Lost Man's Lane by **Scott Carson**
Thursday, August 22,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Green Room

Marshall Miller was excited by the prospect of a summer internship with a private investigator working the most shocking crime to occur in Bloomington in recent decades. When his insights lead to accusations against him, Marshall feels he might need to solve the crime on his own. Pick up a copy and join the lively discussion led by Police Chief Lichman.



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Teens: Track how many minutes you read online, write reviews, and complete activities to earn prize raffle tickets.

Adults: Track your reading online or complete a paper entry to earn prize raffle tickets.



SUMMER READING BLOCK PARTY ADVENTURE

For all ages

Saturday, June 8,
12:00 to 3:00 pm, Library Lawn

Begin your summer adventure at the Library! Adults, teens, and children are encouraged to start their summer right by signing up for our Summer Reading Program. Unlock new prize levels by reading, attending events, and completing activities. Celebrate the midpoint of our Cuyahoga Reads program with the kickoff of One Book, One City: **The Boys in the Boat** by **Daniel James Brown**. Stay for food, games, and music. Adventure begins at your Library!



SURVIVAL KITS FOR ADULTS

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CURBSIDE CRAFTS TO GO

For school-age children, tweens, & their families

Mondays, June 17 & July 15,
11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Lobby

Beat the heat and pick up a packet by the front door 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. *Available while supplies last.*

INSIDE DRIVE-IN: THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

For school-age children, tweens, & their families
Wednesday, July 3,
3:00 to 4:30 pm, Auditorium
Join us to watch **The Super Mario Bros. Movie**.

WHERE IN THE LIBRARY IS KATHERINE WILDER?

For students completing grades 4-6
Thursday, July 18,
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Purple Room
Ms. Wilder, Rocky River Public Library's first Librarian and Director, is missing! Work together to navigate the Library, solving clues to find her before it's too late. *Registration required.*

MINI GOLF ADVENTURE: BUILDING SESSION

For school-age children, tweens, & their families
Thursday, August 1,
2:00 to 3:30 pm, Auditorium

Does your family like building with everyday objects? If so, come create a golf hole for our Mini Golf Adventure! Just bring your imagination, and we will provide supplies and examples. Then stay to play the course. *Please register as a family.*

MINI GOLF ADVENTURE: PLAY THE COURSE

For school-age children, tweens, & their families
Thursday, August 1,
3:30 to 5:00 pm, Auditorium
Stop by the Library to play a round or two of mini golf on a course created by our Library community.

It's not about where an adventure ends, because that's not what an adventure is about.

Benjamin Mee

Adult Programs

Registration begins May 1. Registration required when noted.

MONTHLY SERIES

SPICE CLUB

The weeks beginning May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5
Pick up a kit each month that will include a small spice sample, a background of the spice, and recipes using the spice. We'll share feedback through email. *Registration required by May 6 for the entire 4 month series.*



INDIE INT'L FILM FESTIVAL

Mondays, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium or Community Room
Explore the world of cinema with a selection of foreign or independent films. Selections are updated as soon as possible.

ASL FORUM: A PLACE TO USE/PRACTICE

Tuesdays, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13,
6:30 to 8:00 pm, Green Room
Join coordinator **R. Kevin Borowiak** as attendees practice their American Sign Language skills and proficiency. The goals are to practice the basics and to build vocabulary through usage. The group is open to the hearing, hard of hearing, and deaf.

WRITER'S GROUP OF ROCKY RIVER

Tuesdays, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
New and experienced writers welcome. Fiction, nonfiction, and all genres in between. Have your work critiqued and give feedback to others. Participants are expected to read each piece, note how it can be improved, and come to the group prepared to discuss. *Registration required.*

TUNE IN RIVER: LES DÉLICES PRESENTS "SOUNDS OF SANCHO'S LONDON"

Tuesday, May 7,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Grand Reading Room
Charles Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780) made history as the first British man of African descent to vote in a general election. Cleveland ensemble **Les Délices** explores the "Sounds of Sancho's London", with music composed and published by Sancho as well as that of his contemporaries.



CLEARING THE CLUTTER: ESSENTIAL TIPS

Thursday, May 9,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Join **Jaclyn** from **Organize By Dreams** to learn more about organizing your home. We will talk about decluttering, maximizing the space you have, what you need to keep and what you can let go, plus simple organization tips you can implement right away!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursdays, May 23, July 25, August 22, Wednesday, June 12,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium
Test your knowledge in our trivia night! Teams of up to six admitted. Smaller groups are welcome and may be combined into larger teams. Pizza and refreshments will be served and prizes awarded to the winning teams! *Registration required.*

MOVIE MATINEE

Fridays, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30,
12:00 to 2:00 pm, Auditorium
Our movie matinees feature a recently released film, shown in the auditorium. Monthly selections are updated as soon as possible.



PLANT SWAP

Saturday, May 11,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Library Lawn, Auditorium, in case of rain
Calling all plant lovers! It's gardening season and time to adopt a new plant. Bring your healthy, pest free, indoor or outdoor plants or cuttings to trade with other community members. Please label your plants.

FLAVORS OF THE WORLD EASTERN EUROPE

Saturday, May 18,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium
In this cooking demonstration, we will learn how to make palacsinta, a cottage cheese crêpe from Hungary. *Registration required.*



JUNE

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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEARTSAVER CPR/AED

Monday, June 10,
6:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium
Designed for anyone with little or no medical training, this course by **AHA Certified** will give you the skills to recognize cardiac arrest, get emergency care quickly, and help until more advanced care arrives. Participants will receive a course completion card. *Registration required at <https://uhems.org/event-search>.*

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, June 14,
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.



DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: 13TH

Monday, June 17,
7:00 to 8:45 pm, Auditorium
Explore the history of racial inequality in the US, and how that inequality went straight from enslavement to imprisonment. 100 minutes.

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BALANCE AND STABILITY FOR SENIORS

Thursday, June 27,
6:00 to 7:00 pm, Auditorium
Successful strategies for sitting, standing, and stooping. Learn to get in and out of a chair easier, stooping to pick items up from the floor with more confidence and without pain, and have your balance assessed by **FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers** of Westlake.



MAY

WELCOMING BIRDS IN THE SUMMER

Monday, May 6,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Purple Room
Nancy Howell of the **Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society** will help us attract birds to our yard during the summer. She'll describe the types of birds we may encounter and provide tips about providing water, food and shelter to create an inviting habitat for birds.

HEARTSAVER FIRST AID AND STOP THE BLEED

Monday, May 6,
6:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium
First Aid teaches students critical skills to respond to an emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services. *Stop The Bleed* by The American College of Surgeons teaches students how to respond to life-threatening bleeding. *Registration required at <https://uhems.org/event-search>.*

AUGUST

MY EXPERIENCE WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Monday, August 5,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Join **Brigid Balogh**, Library Program Facilitator with the **Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD)**, as she discusses her experience participating in the Special Olympics, traveling to Alaska, China, and Ireland! Sponsored by a grant from the CCBDD and open to all abilities.



VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENTS

Enjoy virtual talks from authors this Spring. Register to watch online or watch a recording at your convenience. Visit library.org/rrpl for a calendar of upcoming authors including **Freida McFadden** and **Nina Simon!**

GENEALOGY SERVICES

Are you looking for help finding your family's history? Book a one-on-one appointment with us at askalibrarian@rrpl.org today.



BOOK HARBOR

Book Harbor wants to help you on your reading journey. Our team will find your next great read! Just complete the Book Harbor Form on our website about your reading habits and we will have books ready for you at the next pickup date.



Training Programs

Registration begins on May 1. Visit rrpl.org to view a calendar of events and register. Please call the Training Services Department at 440-333-7610 and press '5' or email us at computer.training@rrpl.org with any questions. Registration required when noted.

COMPUTER BREAKFAST SERIES

Wednesdays,
10:00 to 11:30 am, Auditorium or Zoom
Join us once a month to explore topics on emerging technologies, apps, and all things Internet.

Computer Breakfast Series programs can be viewed virtually. Please call the Training Services Department or email us at computer.training@rrpl.org to receive a Zoom link. *Registration required for virtual attendance.*

READING TRACKERS

May 29
Learn about options for keeping track of your reading. We'll feature a few apps like Goodreads and Beanstack and offer tips on how Libby and the Clevnet catalog are also useful. Let us help you get started!

GET YOUR INBOX TO ZERO

June 26
Piles of email got you down? We can help. Learn tips and tricks to tackle any number of messages and keep your Inbox empty. Staff will be on hand to help you get started.

GEOCACHING

July 24
Use GPS enabled devices and participate in a hobby that started when David Ulmer hid items in the woods outside Portland Oregon in 2000. He told a message board about it and the search began!

PRACTICE USING AI

August 28
Artificial Intelligence tools can be very frustrating. Practice can help. We'll set up a few stations so you can practice using them in a controlled and helpful setting.

MOBILE CLASSES

CALENDAR APPS

Thursday, May 9,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Compare calendar apps from Google, Apple, and others to gain a better understanding of what a calendar app does and how we can use them to coordinate our time. Bring your device or use one of ours. *Registration required.*

EXPLORE THE LIBBY APP

Tuesday, May 21,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

With one app you can search for and borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines. Bring your phone or tablet and discover how to borrow and download.

PHOTOS

Tuesday, June 25,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Master documenting important moments with your mobile device. Apple and Android users will learn basic tips and tricks for taking great pictures, as well as key information about apps and storage. *Registration required.*

ANDROID ESSENTIALS

Monday, July 15,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Learn more about Android devices including important system functions, apps (email, calendar, internet browsers, contacts), and learn to customize your experience by changing Android settings. *Registration required.*

APPLE ESSENTIALS

Thursday, July 18,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Interact with iOS devices including important system functions, basic apps (email, calendar, internet browsers, and contacts), and learn to customize your experience by changing Apple settings. *Registration required.*

ORGANIZE YOUR SCREENS

Saturday, July 20,
1:00 to 4:00 pm, Community Room

Most people have dozens and dozens of apps on our devices. Intended as a workshop, bring those devices here to get help and ideas for organizing your screens in more useful and novel ways. *Registration required.*

INTERNET CLASSES

INTERNET ESSENTIALS

Tuesday, June 4,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Increase your internet browsing confidence! Understand internet connections, identify common browsers, learn browser tools, explore online activities, and get basic safety tips. *Correlating Northstar Digital Certificate available when you schedule a proctored assessment. Registration required.*

MICROSOFT 365 OFFICE SUITE

Thursday, June 20,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Get to know the online versions of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Compare Microsoft 365 applications with the offline versions, tour interfaces, and become familiar with saving & retrieving files. *Registration required.*

INTERNET SKILLS

Tuesday, July 30,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Build your ability to find trusted and accurate information online, communicate via email, save or print online information, and identify scams, phishing attempts, and other security concerns. *Correlating Northstar Digital Certificate available when you schedule a proctored assessment. Registration required.*

GOOGLE APPLICATIONS

Thursday, August 15,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Learn how to use Google's free services for emailing, word processing, creating spreadsheets, date keeping, and preparing presentations. Please bring your Google email address and password to class. *Correlating Northstar Digital Certificate available when you schedule a proctored assessment. Registration required.*

CLOUD COMPUTING

Saturday, August 24,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Training Room

Cloud computing is a great alternative to using local storage and frees up computer system resources. Learn about cloud computing concepts and explore cloud-based applications with Google Drive. *Registration required.*

COMPUTER CLASSES

COMPUTER ESSENTIALS

Tuesday, May 7,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Novice users will learn the basics of using a computer, including mouse skills, keyboard basics, identifying computer hardware, and an introduction to the Microsoft Windows operating system. *Correlating Northstar Digital Certificate available when you schedule a proctored assessment. Registration required.*

FILE MAINTENANCE

Saturday, May 18,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Training Room

Learn the basics of both internal and external computer storage using a Microsoft Windows computer with an emphasis on using File Explorer to keep your files organized and find them with ease. *Registration required.*

EXCEL FORMULAS AND FUNCTIONS

Monday, June 3,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Excel formulas are equations that create outcomes, and functions are preset formulas. These are the building blocks for worksheets that work for you. *Registration required.*

WORD FOR FAMILY NEWSLETTERS

Saturday, June 22,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Training Room

A newsletter can be a great way to update your relatives. We will cover what sections you can include, advanced formatting options, how to insert images, and how to print or email your newsletter. *Registration required.*

MICROSOFT OFFICE ESSENTIALS

Tuesday, August 6,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Get to know Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Become familiar with each program's interface, how to open and close documents, enter information, and other basic functions. *Correlating Northstar Digital Certificate available when you schedule a proctored assessment. Registration required.*

PRESENTATIONS & VISUAL INFORMATION

Tuesday, August 20,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

If a picture paints a thousand words, it really must be the right picture. Join us for a fun look at the perils and pitfalls of using visuals in presentations. *Registration required.*

EXCEL FOR HOME BUDGETS

Thursday, August 22,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Ready to track your household spending and create a personalized budget? Learn to use an Excel home budget template and use the Excel formulas and functions most useful in personal budgeting. *Registration required.*



Northstar learners can earn basic skills certificates on a variety of topics, including Basic Computer Skills, Microsoft Office, Information Literacy, Social Media, Internet Basics, and Using Email. Visit rrpl.org/training/training-certificates or scan the code for details.

TECH COFFEE CHATS

Not sure what the latest tech jargon means? Got a phone, tablet, or computer that keeps acting up? Join us for coffee, help, and conversation about trends in technology.

May 14, 9:00 to 11:00 am,
Heinen's Rocky River Grocery Store
June 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm,
Rocky River Senior Center
July 9, 9:00 to 11:00 am,
Whole Foods Market
August 13, 9:00 to 11:00 am,
Whole Foods Market

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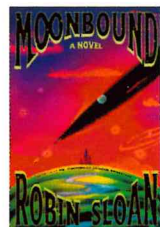
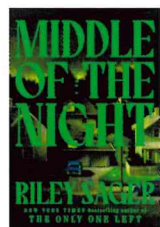
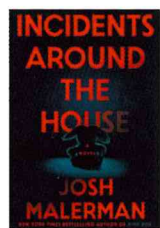
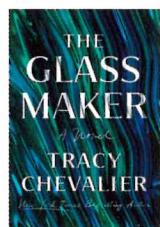
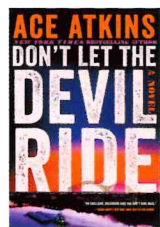
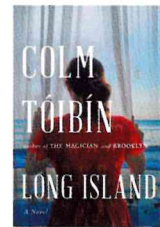
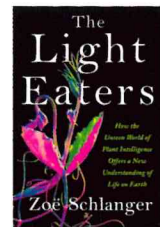
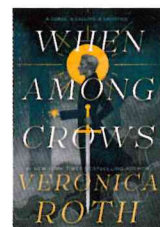
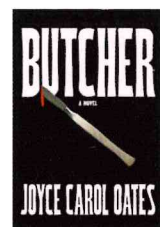
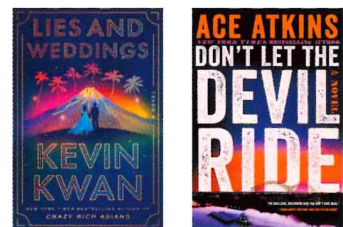
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Between the Covers

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



MAY

Lies and Weddings

Kevin Kwang

Rufus knows the promised family trust holds nothing but a mountain of debt. Single and broke, the only solution is to scout his sister's wedding for a wealthy match. Options include a hotel heiress, venture capital genius, or the girl next door who holds his heart.

Butcher

Joyce Carol Oates

When Dr. Silas Weir takes a position at an asylum for female lunatics, his practice quickly turns to experimentation. At the center of his experiments is Brigit, a young Irish indentured servant. As his surgical practices grow in renown, his obsessive nature threatens his destruction.

Ella

Diane Richards

In the midst of the Depression, teenage Ella Fitzgerald is forced to support her family by working for the mob. When the law catches up to her, she lands in a prison infamous for its harsh treatment of inmates, especially Black ones. After escaping, Ella lands in Harlem and dreams of show business.

When Among Crows

Veronica Roth

Dymitr is no stranger to pain. After all, his soul was split in half in order to slay the monsters he's been trained to kill. Ala's pain is caused by her family curse, slated to take her life unless she finds the cure. Together the two search for answers from legendary witch Baba Jaga.

The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth

Zoë Schlanger

Zoë Schlanger digs into the soil alongside scientists across the globe to map the intelligence of plant life. As flowers shape their blooms to fit the beak of a pollinator, plant life proves that the complexity of the natural world parallels the complexity of human intelligence.

Long Island

Colm Tóibín

Twenty years after Brooklyn, Tóibín returns to the world of Irish immigrant Eilis. Married to Tony and a mother of two teenagers, Eilis lives a quiet life on a cul-de-sac, until an Irishman shows up on her doorstep claiming that his wife is pregnant with Tony's child.

JUNE

Don't Let the Devil Ride

Ace Atkins

Despite their marriage woes, Addison is annoyed when her husband Dean seemingly vanishes. But as time passes, her concern grows into alarm as everyone dismisses her worries, forcing her to call in a favor to an old friend, legendary PI Porter Hayes.

The Glassmaker

Tracy Chevalier

As the oldest daughter of a family of glassblowers in 1486 Venice, Orsola Rosso is not supposed to work with glass. When her father dies, she picks up the art of making glass beads to support her family. As time passes, the Rosso family suffers triumph and loss alongside their beloved city.

Incidents Around the House

Josh Malerman

Bela loves spending time with her family, but Other Mommy is always lurking, asking her the same question: "Can I go inside your heart?" When things begin to happen around the house, it's clear that Other Mommy is getting restless. Bela knows that unless she says yes, her family will pay.

Middle of the Night

Riley Sager

Thirty years after his best friend Billy disappeared during a backyard campout, Ethan returns to his childhood home on Hemlock Circle. But Billy's presence seems to be lurking around the cul-de-sac, leading Ethan to investigate what really happened that night.

Moonbound

Robin Sloan

Eleven thousand years in the future, Ariel lives in a small town ruled by a wizard. Called to explore a world of unknown enemies, Ariel is ready to take on his life's purpose until he comes across a sentient artificial intelligence record-keeper that carries the whole of human history.

One of Our Kind

Nicola Yoon

The Williams family move to the planned Black utopia of Liberty searching for community. King settles in immediately, but Jasmyn struggles to connect. Perplexed by the world of luxe wellness treatments, her frustration turns to dread when she discovers a secret about the community and its founders.

JULY

The Seventh Veil of Salome

Silvia Moreno-Garcia

In Golden Age Hollywood, the role of Salome is the star-making role of the season. When unknown Mexican actress Vera Larios is cast, the town is abuzz over the choice. But she's also the target of envy for fellow actress Nancy, who will do whatever it takes to earn fame.

The Bright Sword: A Novel of King Arthur

Lev Grossman

Collum arrives at the Round Table to find a Camelot in uproar. After the king's death, only a few knights remain, and they aren't the heroes he expected. Instead, it's the oddballs who survived and set out to rebuild as kingdoms turn against each other.

I Was a Teenage Slasher

Stephen Graham Jones

In a small Texan town, everyone knows each other's business. That is, until seventeen-year-old Tolly Driver turns from good kid to teenage slasher. As Tolly seeks revenge on his fellow townies, his perspective and motivations come to light amidst the blood-curdling horror.

The Secret Lives of Numbers: A Hidden History of Math's Unsung Trailblazers

Kate Kitagawa and Timothy Revell

From the story of Hypatia, the first great female mathematician to Karne Uhlenbeck, the first woman to win the Abel Prize, mathematics is rich with history. Authors Kitagawa and Revell take readers on a journey to study fundamental truths and the unknown figures behind them.

Slow Dance

Rainbow Rowell

High school was miserable for Shiloh, but her best friend Cary got her through. Fourteen years later, Shiloh is a divorced single mom living in her childhood home. When she gets invited to a friend's wedding, she hopes to run into her childhood friend- and lost love.

They Dream in Gold

Mai Sennaar

Mama Eva is busy in the kitchen preparing to open her Senegalese restaurant. Upstairs, her pregnant daughter-in-law Bonnie paces as she awaits news from her husband Mansour. He was only supposed to be gone three weeks, but it's been months, and his disappearance leaves them with questions.

AUGUST

And So I Roar

Abi Daré

As her terminally ill mother whispers secrets from her hospital bed, Tia helps teenage runaway Adunni seek a better future. When danger arrives at the front gate, she is forced to make a decision to protect both vulnerable women in her care.

The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore

Evan Friss

Bookstores have always provided endless amounts of inspiration for both readers and writers. Beyond providing literature, many shops also serve as a community pillar. Drawing on oral histories, letters, and interviews with booksellers, Friss tells the storied past of the American bookstore.

House of Bone and Rain

Gabino Iglesias

Death has been a constant in the lives of childhood friends Gabe, Xavier, Tavo, Paul, and Bimbo. When Bimbo's mother dies as a victim of gun violence, they all agree that this time it's different. They're going to hunt down her murderer, even if he is the drug kingpin of Puerto Rico.

A Sorceress Comes to Call

T. Kingfisher

Cordelia's mother is a bit eccentric, but what sorcerer isn't? After a suspicious death causes them to flee their small town, they end up at the home of a wealthy older man. As her mother attempts to lure the man into marriage, Cordelia knows that this plan will only bring about bad news.

House of Glass

Sarah Pekkanen

Rose Barclay may only be nine years old, but she may have witnessed a murder. When attorney Stella is called in as counsel, it's clear there's something amiss in the Barclay home. After the murder and during her parents' divorce, Rose stops speaking.

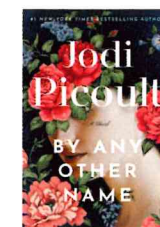
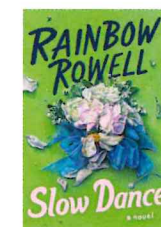
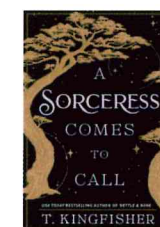
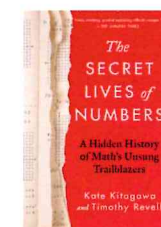
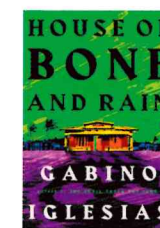
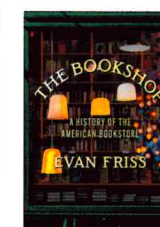
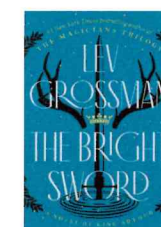
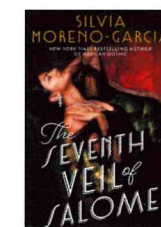
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Jodi Picoult

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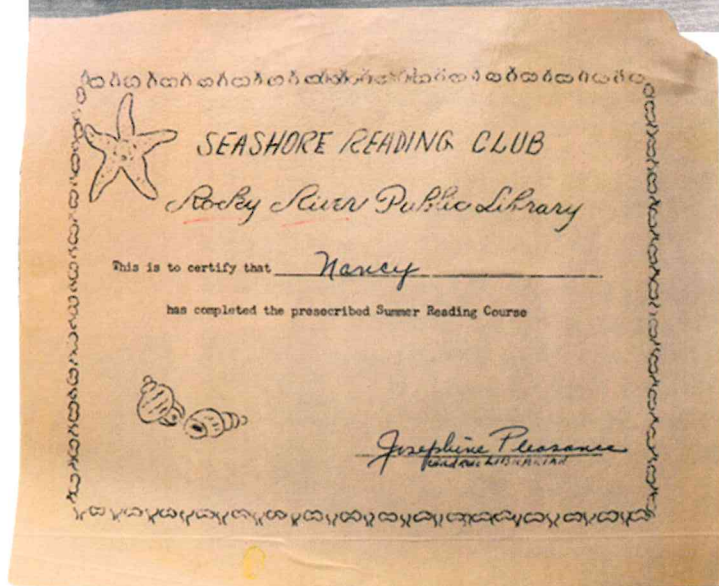
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RRPL History Spotlight

Although much has changed in RRPL's long history, we have kept true to our past. On the right, you can see the original Children's Room filled with young readers from the 1950s. Below, you can see what RRPL looked like with its original entrance on Riverview Avenue before the recent renovations. While we have made many changes both inside and out, one thing that hasn't changed is our Summer Reading Program. Here, you can see our very own Nancy showing off her Summer Reading Certificate that she was given by RRPL! You can receive your certificate this summer by participating in this year's Summer Reading Program, too!



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Calendar of Events

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

Program Locations

- A** Auditorium
- CR** Community Room
- GRR** Grand Reading Room
- GR** Green Room
- LL** Library Lawn
- L** Lobby
- PR** Purple Room

Library Closing Dates Summer 2024

- Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 26
Memorial Day Weekend
- Monday, May 27
Memorial Day
- Sunday, June 16
Father's Day
- Wednesday, June 19
Juneteenth
- Thursday, July 4
Independence Day

MAY

Th	2	The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho	7:00	PR
Sa	4	Free Comic Book Day	All Day	
M	6	Welcoming Birds in the Summer	7:00	PR
Tu	7	Tune In River	7:00	GRR
Th	9	Clearing the Clutter: Essential Tips	7:00	A
Sa	11	Plant Swap	2:00	LL
M	13	Indie Int'l Film Festival	6:30	A/CR
W	15	Riverinos	7:00	CR
Th	16	Play, Learn, and Grow	6:30	PR
W	29	History Talks: Fashion After Dark	7:00	CR

JUNE

Sa	1	2024 Summer Reading: Adventure Begins at Your Library		
Sa	1	Citywide Scavenger Hunt		
Th	6	Adult Rocky River Readers Book Group	7:00	GR
Sa	8	Summer Reading Block Party Adventure	12:00	LL
M	10	Indie Int'l film Festival	6:30	A/CR
W	12	Library Lawn Concert	5:00	LL
Th	13	Big Screen Adventures	2:00	CR
Th	13	Women in History	7:00	A
F	14	American Red Cross Blood Drive	10:30	A
M	17	Curbside Crafts To Go	11:00	L
M	17	Documentary Screening	7:00	A
Th	27	Big Screen Adventures	2:00	CR
Th	27	Balance and Stability for Seniors	6:00	A
Sa	29	Book Lovers Social	2:00	CR

JULY

W	3	Inside Drive-In: The Super Marios Bros. Movie	3:00	A
M	8	Indie Int'l Film Festival	6:30	A/CR
Th	11	Big Screen Adventures	2:00	CR
M	15	Curbside Crafts To Go	11:00	L
W	17	Library Lawn Concert	5:00	LL
W	24	Artist Geno Luketic	7:00	A
Th	25	Big Screen Adventures	2:00	CR
Th	25	Play, Learn, and Grow	6:30	PR
Sa	27	Riverinos	7:00	CR

AUGUST

Th	1	Mini Golf Adventure: Building Session	2:00	A
Th	1	Mini Golf Adventure: Play the Course	3:30	A
M	5	My Experience with Special Olympics	7:00	A
Th	8	Play, Learn, and Grow	6:30	PR
Sa	10	Pride Festival	2:00	LL
M	12	Indie Int'l Film Festival	6:30	A/CR
W	14	Cowan Featured Artist: Susie Underwood	7:00	A
Th	15	Adult Rocky River Readers Book Group	7:00	GR
W	21	Riverinos	7:00	CR
Th	22	Book A Chat with Chief Lichman	7:00	GR

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
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| 2 Adult Reference | 8 Library Hours |
| 4 Children's Department | 9 Directory of Employees |

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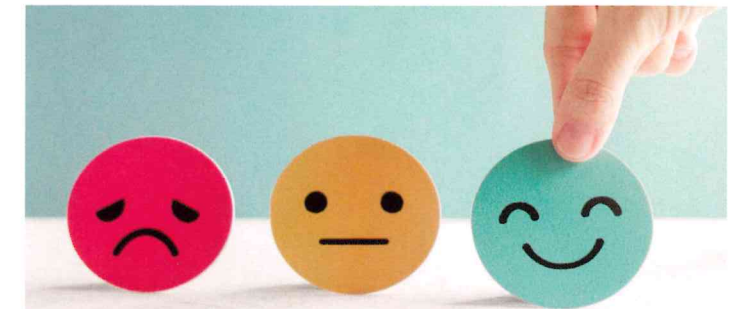
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