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News and Events at Rocky River Public Library

MAY THROUGH AUGUST 2025

COLOR OUR WORLD™



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A Message from the Director



I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Director of Rocky River Public Library. In February, Jessica Breslin stepped down from her role as Director. In her time here, she made a big impact. I know I'm not speaking just for myself when I say she will be greatly missed. Her leadership was truly one-of-a-kind. While Jess may have moved on, her vision continues with us as we move ahead with a new Strategic Plan and projects such as the installation of lockers on Library grounds, where you can pick up your holds 24/7. Look for these this summer!

RRPL welcomed me as a patron when I moved to this area in 2006. In 2007, I joined the staff in the Public Computer Room, and my first day was the first day that room was open after the renovation. Many of you may remember me from the years I spent there. Fast forward 18 years to 2025, and after serving a short time as Interim Director, the Board appointed me as Director at their March meeting. I am honored to assume this position and reintroduce myself to this community in a new role.

We have a lot to look forward to! As spring blossoms give way to dazzling full blooms and the warming breezes promise boundless summer, be sure to visit the Library to add a splash of color to your plans. Mark your calendars for our all ages, Library-wide Summer Reading Kickoff on Saturday, May 31. This year's theme is Color Our World, and we're excited to offer numerous art-related events and activities through the end of August. Among them our "Tiny Art" program, "The History of Rose Iron Works", and "Art World on Film" series.

In June, the Library welcomes Herbert Addison Burns to speak about Northeast Ohio and Rocky River's unique contribution to the Underground Railroad. We also welcome the Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers to our Juneteenth Jamboree for school-age children and their families. The Rocky River League of Women Voters joins us for a book discussion as part of our Summer Civics series. Spice Club devotees will share food and conversation at a "Spice Club Potluck". And our popular "Library Lawn Concert" series kicks off with The Wallace Coleman Trio and the Thai It Up food truck.

In July, bird lovers will enjoy the "Summer Birds of Northeast Ohio" program with the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland. We're also hosting two Escape Room experiences: "The Cowan Caper" (adults) and "Library Heist" (children ages 4-6); gather a group of friends to sign up for a time slot. The always popular "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" returns this summer, when little ones find their bravest plush friend to spend the night at the Library then find out what they were up to while they were sleeping!

As we move into August, foodies will enjoy our "Flavors of the World" series. Our annual Pride Festival for families, friends, allies, and neighbors features local vendors and fun activities for all ages. And all summer long, our Training Department offers robust and relevant sessions on creativity tech like Cricut machines and Canva; Library tech like Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, and the digitized Cowan Pottery collection; productivity tech like Office, Discord, LinkedIn, and password managers; and classes on Artificial Intelligence, how to avoid digital scams, and planning for your digital legacy.

Of course, the usual story times, books discussions, trivia nights, ESL classes, writer's group, Messy Art, STEAM Studio and more round out all the goings-on at Rocky River Public Library. Our staff works hard and covers a lot of ground to make sure there's something for everyone. And if all you want is a good book? Well, we've got those too.

Peter Matera

Annual Report

See our recorded data from 2024.

TOTAL VISITORS	ITEMS CIRCULATED	ELECTRONIC ITEMS CIRCULATED	TOTAL PHYSICAL COLLECTION ITEMS
185,768	700,613	179,328	124,613

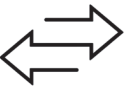
EXPENSES \$5,621,247		REVENUE \$5,680,801	
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$3,771,578	PROPERTY TAX	\$3,521,809
TRANSFERS OUT	\$595,680	PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND	\$825,391
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$558,940	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	\$411,371
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$304,445	INTEREST RECEIPTS	\$374,927
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$250,000	TRANSFERS IN	\$250,000
SUPPLIES & OTHER	\$140,604	CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS, & OTHER	\$226,482
		FINES & FEES	\$70,821



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE
28,173



CARD HOLDERS
21,865



REFERENCE TRANSACTIONS
103,116



COMPUTER SESSIONS
27,980



HOURS OF OPERATION
3,442

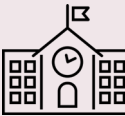


NEW MATERIALS
32,690

OUTREACH



HOMEBOUND VISITS
367



SCHOOL & DAYCARE VISITS
157

TOTAL PROGRAMS

1,261





ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Rocky River Library Foundation Board is looking to fill open board positions. We meet one hour per month (2nd Tuesday) and typically do one fundraiser a year (historically the Art Show at the Library). Our mission is to raise funds to support the Rocky River Public Library and their fine work in the community. No board experience necessary; just the motivation to help this important institution! If you're interested, please send an email to nominating@rockyriverlibraryfoundation.org, including an updated resume.

Cowan Pottery Museum

Registration begins May 1, 9:00 am. Have questions? Interested in a tour of our collection? Contact our curator Greg Hatch directly by calling 440-895-3763 or email cowan@rrpl.org. Scan the QR code to see our digital collection! Registration required if noted.



CRAFTING WITH THE CURATOR

Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 to 8:00 pm,
Thursday, May 15, 10:00 to 11:00 am,
Auditorium

Be inspired by the Museum's exhibition *A New Century: Ceramics Inspired by the Legacy of Art Deco* as you make your own sgraffito greeting cards.

DISCOVERING YOUR HOME'S HIDDEN STORIES

Wednesday, June 11,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Learn how and where to discover some of your home's hidden stories. Presented by Dr. Suzanne Seifert.

HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION: THE WAGER

Wednesday, June 25,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

We will discuss *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann, the story of HMS Wager, its wreck, and the mutiny that took place after.

ESCAPE ROOM: THE COWAN CAPER

Saturday, July 19,
1:00 to 5:00 pm,
Grand Reading Room

The top-secret Cowan Pottery glaze recipes have been stolen! Solve the puzzles and decode the clues to uncover the mystery behind the theft. Register with a group for a 45 minute session and restore order to the Cowan Pottery Studio. Registration required.



EXPLORING THE COWAN COLLECTION

Wednesday, July 30,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Want to learn more about the Cowan Pottery collection? Looking for inspiration for your next creative endeavor? Learn how to navigate the collection's digital search tools, as well as tips for exploring the collection in-person.

THE HISTORY OF ROSE IRON WORKS

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

Bob Rose will share the history of his family's company **Rose Iron Works**, the nation's oldest decorative metalwork company.



All Ages

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LIBRARY LAWN CONCERTS

5:00 to 7:00 pm, Library Lawn

Grab a picnic blanket or a chair and join us outside! Purchase dinner from a food truck and enjoy live music on our lawn.



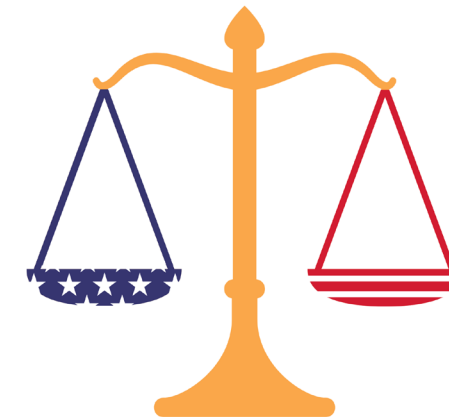
Wednesday, June 25 | **The Wallace Coleman Trio & Thai It Up Food Truck**
Wednesday, July 30 | **Red Light Roxy** & food truck TBD

Summer Civics Series

FREE FOR ALL: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday, May 5,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

From PBS's **Independent Lens** series, with support from **Indie Lens Pop Up** and **Ideastream**, this documentary tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.



SUMMER CIVICS BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, June 11,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

We will discuss the book *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens* by Richard N. Haass.

FAKE NEWS 101

Wednesday, July 23,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Tri-C Assistant Professor of Journalism/ Mass Communication **John Kerezy, M.A.**, will provide insight, tips, and steps you can take to never be "taken in" by fake news.

Family Events

Registration begins Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am. For children of all ages & a caregiver unless noted. To register, visit events.rrpl.org/events, call 440-333-7610 x4, or stop by the 2nd Floor. *Registration required if noted.*



ADAPTED STORYTIME

Saturdays, May 3, June 7, July 5, & August 2, 11:00 to 11:45 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.

SPIDER-MAN APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, May 3, 2:30 to 4:30 pm, Community Room

Peter, Miles, and Gwen have saved the world countless times, and it's time to show them some love. Join us as we watch the Academy Award winning, *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, and enjoy some crafts.

GAMES + LEGO® = FAMILY FUN

For school-age children & their families

Thursdays, May 15 & August 14, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Stop in to play a few board games or build LEGO® bricks together. Play as a family or make new friends!



FROM SEED TO TABLE

For students completing grades 3 & up with an adult

Thursday, May 29, Purple Room, Thursday, August 14, 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.*



Friends of RRPL Kids Membership Day



Thursday, June 12, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Mitchell's Old Fashioned Ice Cream 19700 Detroit Road, Rocky River

\$5.00

Gets you a membership, a postcard, a pencil, and a Mitchell's Scoop Certificate!

Available for new and renewing members.

Cash, check, or electronic payment methods accepted.



JUNETEENTH JAMBOREE

For school-age children & their families

Monday, June 16, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, with a special guest from the **Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, Jackkia the Storyteller**. Enjoy books, songs, crafts, and refreshments. *Registration required.*



READ WITH PRIDE

Monday, June 2, 6:30 to 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 3, 10:15 to 10:45 am, Purple Room



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

CURBSIDE CRAFTS TO GO

Mondays, June 9 & July 7, 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 a glue stick. *Available while supplies last.*



THE MAGIC OF BUBBLES

Tuesday, June 17, 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.*



TIE-DYE ON THE LAWN!

Tuesday, July 1, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Library Lawn

Want to make some wearable art? Join us for a tie-dye session! We will provide bandanas, but feel free to bring additional pre-washed items to dye. *Registration required.*



INSIDE DRIVE-IN: CRAFT

For children ages 5-7 & their caregivers

Wednesday, July 2, 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 part, you are welcome to come for the movie when we watch *The Wild Robot*. *Registration required for the craft.*

INSIDE DRIVE-IN: THE WILD ROBOT

Wednesday, July 2, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, Auditorium

Drop in to watch *The Wild Robot*.

MAGICAL STORIES WITH YASU ISHIDA

Tuesday, July 8, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, & 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Auditorium

Wrap it all together! This program will combine storytelling with magic tricks and origami to bring out your imaginations in all new ways. *Registration required.*

ADVENTURES IN STORYTELLING

Tuesday, July 22, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, & 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Auditorium

Interactive storyteller **Lindsay Bonilla** will guide us along adventures only to be experienced in our imaginations. Our families will move through these stories through an array of participation activities. *Registration required.*

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Drop off Thursday, July 31, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Pick up Friday, August 1, 12:00 pm or later, 2nd Floor Desk

Ever wonder what your toys do when you're not around? Drop your stuffed animal off and find out! We promise a night of mischief and mayhem for all our favorite friends.



Friday, June 20, Rocky River Park, Friday, June 27, Linden Park, 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Join us off-site to decorate the community with chalk art!





Storytimes

June 9 through July 17

Skips June 19 & 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.*

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

Wednesdays, 9:15 to 9:45 am & 10:15 to 10:45 am,

Thursdays, 9:15 to 10:15 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, 11:00 to 11:45 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, 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.*

Children's Programs

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BIRTH TO AGE 6

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

Thursdays, May 22, July 31, & August 28, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Enjoy some quality time with other families while playing with toys and puzzles. Let's have some fun!

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

Monday, July 21

Are you brave enough to get messy at home? This kit contains everything you need to create a process art project. Supplies must be picked up on the 2nd Floor or via our Drive-thru. *Registration required.*

GRADES K-3

TINY ART *For ages 6-9 & 13-16*

Thursday, June 26, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, Auditorium

Come create your own tiny art masterpiece to be displayed in the Lobby exhibit. All artwork will be returned near the end of July. Paint is not washable, art shirt or smock suggested. *Registration required.*



PARACHUTE PLAY *For children ages 4-6*

Monday, July 21, 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.*

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME *For children of all ages & their caregivers*

Mondays, August 18 & August 25, 6:45 to 7:15 pm, Auditorium,

Wednesdays, August 20 & August 27, 10:15 to 10:45 am, Community Room

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



STEAM STUDIO *For students completing grades 1-3*

Monday, July 28, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room

Are you a budding scientist? Join us for a **Color Your World**-themed STEAM Studio exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through activities and experiments. Discover, imagine, create! *Registration required.*



TWEENS (GRADES 4-6)

TWEEN SCENE *For tweens*

Mondays through Thursdays while Rocky River City Schools are 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.

JACKBOX PARTY HOUR FOR TWEENS *For tweens*

Tuesdays, June 24 & July 22, 3:30 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.*

ESCAPE ROOM: LIBRARY HEIST *For students completing grades 4-6*

Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

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PAINTING PARTY *For ages 10-16*

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Come paint with us as you finish coloring your world this summer! **Art Me Party, LLC** will lead you through painting a personal canvas to complete your summer in style. Paint is not washable, art shirt or smock suggested. *Registration required.*



Get excited about reading with this year's **Color Our World** Summer Reading Program, May 31 through August 2! Sign up in person at the 2nd Floor desk or through the Beanstack website or app. Track the minutes you read or are read to and earn fun, themed prizes.

Stop by the Library to check out our fun activities like a puzzle mural, chalk obstacle course, estimation game, and more. Complete 4 of the 8 activities to earn an extra ticket for our Summer Reading grand prize raffles.



Teen Programs

Registration begins Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am.
Registration required if noted.



AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTERS For students ages 10 & up

Days Rocky River City Schools are in session, 3:15 to 4:50 pm, Training Room
Tweens and teens are invited to the Lower Level Computer Training Room after school for an open lab. Computer availability is first come, first served.

EVERYTHING TEEN TRIVIA For teens

Tuesday, May 27, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room
Do you like Starbucks? Know about current pop culture, history, and fun facts? Come to test your knowledge on what teens should know for the chance to win a Starbucks gift card.

BINGO For teens

Tuesdays, June 3 & August 26, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room
Are you a teen that likes bingo & Starbucks? Come to the Library and play bingo for a chance to win a Starbucks gift card. Participants are limited to one win.

ARTWORK WITH MELTING CRAYONS For students completing grades 7-12

Tuesday, June 10, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Auditorium
Join us to decorate vases with melting crayons! All materials will be provided. Registration required.



JUNETEENTH FOR TEENS For students completing grades 7-12

Monday, June 16, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Auditorium
Celebrate African American heritage and history. Music, food, drinks, and games! Learn about what Juneteenth was and what it means today.

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BOOK HARBOR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE TEEN



TEEN BOOK HARBOR For students in grades 7-12

Mondays, May 12, June 23, & August 4
Tell us your reading preferences through an online survey and we will select 1-3 books that you might enjoy. You must have a ClevNet library card in good standing. Register at <https://rrpl.org/teen-book-harbor-subscription-form/>.

Get ready to Color Our World at the Library with the Teen Summer Reading Program from May 31 through August 2! Sign up in the Youth Services Department or the Beanstack app or website and earn prizes as your read and complete activities.

Attend a program or complete an activity in the Teen Room to earn extra tickets for our Teen Summer Reading grand prize raffles.



RRPL TEEN ROOM



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SUMMER READING

2025

THE ART OF COLOR *For adults*

Saturdays, May 10, June 21 & August 16,
10:00 am to 12:30 pm, Auditorium

Students will learn about various aspects of color through painting: color theory basics, the emotions of color, and color schemes. All materials provided. Students must be able to attend all three sessions. Presented by **Art House Cleveland**. *This event is supported by the **State Library of Ohio** with federal funds from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**. Registration required.*

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COLORFUL CRAFTERNOON *For adults*

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ART WORLD ON FILM *For adults*

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm,
Community Room

Catch a cinematic glimpse of the buyers, sellers, creators, and collectors who make the art world go ‘round.

May 22 | **Museum Hours**

A gentle drama about the friendship between a docent and a patron during repeated visits to the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.

June 12 | **Boom for Real: The Late Teenage Years of Jean-Michel Basquiat**

Chronicles the vibrant and diverse street art scene that emerged in Manhattan’s Lower East Side in the late ‘70s and early ‘80s, with special focus on Basquiat.

July 24 | **The Thief Collector**

A true crime investigation of the heist of a **Willem de Kooning** painting by a New Mexico couple, rediscovered only after their death.

August 7 | **Who the #\$% Is Jackson Pollock?**

Could a thrift store painting be worth millions? Join **Teri Horton** as she navigates the process of having an artwork authenticated.

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Adult Book Discussions

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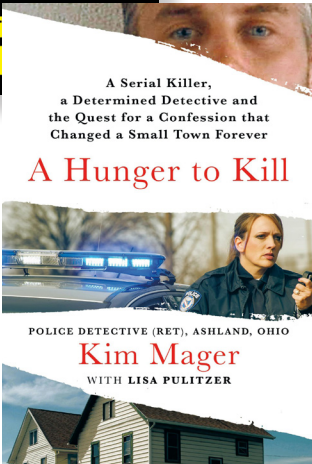
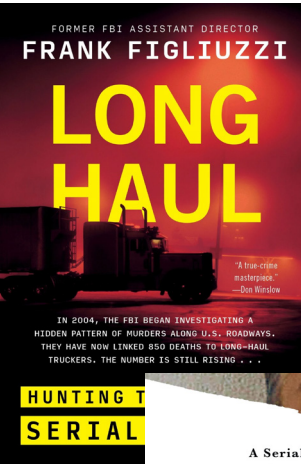
TRUE CRIME WEDNESDAY

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

Each month we explore a different true crime topic through book discussions, lectures, or activities.

May 21 | **Long Haul: Hunting the Highway Serial Killers** by **Frank Figliuzzi**
A former Assistant Director of the FBI details its investigation into a disturbing pattern of unsolved murders along American highways.

July 16 | **A Hunger to Kill** by **Kim Mager**
Detective Kim Mager of Ashland, Ohio recounts the case of serial killer Shawn Grate and the role she played in extracting his confessions.



ADULT ROCKY RIVER READERS BOOK GROUP

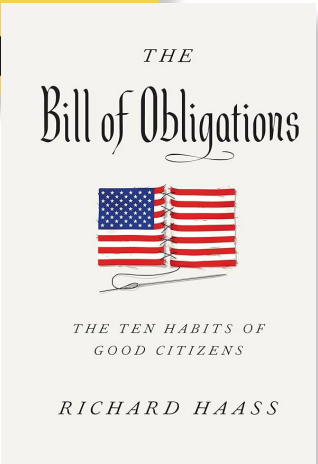
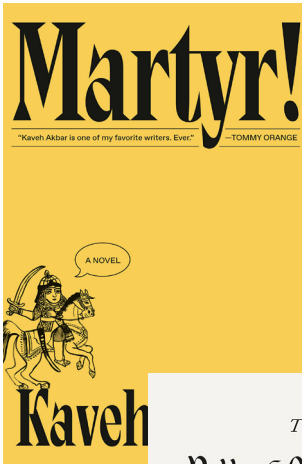
Thursday, June 5,
10:00 to 11:00 am, Community Room

Don't miss this chance to talk about **Martyr!** by **Kaveh Akbar**. Cyrus Shams is a 20-something orphaned son of Iranian immigrants who heads to New York City for answers to a family secret. There, he meets a terminally ill painter, living out her final days in public at the Brooklyn Museum. Read this novel about self-discovery and come to discuss.

SUMMER CIVICS BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday June 11,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

In partnership with the **Rocky River League of Women Voters**, we will discuss the book **The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens** by **Richard N. Haass**.



HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION

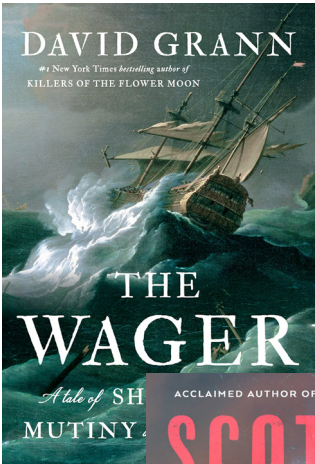
Wednesday, June 25,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

We will discuss **The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder** by **David Grann**, the story of HMS Wager, its wreckage, and the mutiny that took place in 1741.

BOOK A CHAT WITH CHIEF LICHMAN

Thursday, August 28,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Green Room

In **Departure 37** by **Scott Carson**, a mysterious global event has grounded all airplanes in the present day and the answer to why might be connected to a physicist's discovery back in 1962. Enjoy this return to a classic Cold War espionage style story and join the lively discussion led by **Police Chief Lichman**.



Adult Programs

Registration begins Thursday, May 1, 9:00 am.
Registration required if noted.



SUMMER SERIES

SPICE CLUB

Weeks beginning May 5,
June 2, July 1, & August 4

Pick up a kit each month that includes a spice sample, a background of the spice, and recipes using it. We'll share feedback through email.



INDIE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Mondays, May 12, June 2,
July 14, & August 11,
6:30 pm, Auditorium

Explore the world of cinema with a foreign or independent film. Selections are updated as soon as possible.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEARTSAVER CPR/AED

Tuesday, May 13,
9:00 to 11:30 am, Auditorium

Designed for anyone with little or no medical training, this course led by **AHA Certified Instructors** will give you the skills and knowledge needed to recognize cardiac arrest, get emergency care on the way quickly, and help until more advanced care arrives. Participants will receive a course completion card. *Registration required at <https://uhems.org/event-search>.*

ESL FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm,

May 15,
Green Room

May 29, June 26, & July 10,
Community Room,

July 24,
Auditorium

August 7 & August 21,
Purple Room

Looking to improve your English in a conversation class? Join us for our informal English as a Second Language group classes at the Library led by an ESL trainer. Each class will be theme-based and designed for the group's level. *Registration required.*

VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENTS

- May 7 | **Dr. David Rosmarin**
- May 15 | **Liann Zhang**
- June 4 | **Gina Della Tonga & Brian Gratwicke, Smithsonian Tropical Institute, Extinctopedia**



WRITER'S GROUP OF ROCKY RIVER

Tuesdays, May 20,
June 17, July 15, & August 19,
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.*

MOVIE MATINEE

Fridays, May 30,
June 27, July 25, & August 29,
12:00 to 2:00 pm, Auditorium

Our movie matinees feature a recently released film. Monthly selections are updated as soon as possible.

TRIVIA NIGHTS

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30 pm,
Auditorium

Come and test your knowledge! Teams of up to six people admitted. Smaller groups are welcome and may be combined into larger teams. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. *Registration required.*

- May 29 | **Fruit and Vegetables**
- June 26 | **Color Our World**
- July 31 | **American Art**
- August 28 | **'90s Nostalgia**

ART WORLD ON FILM

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm,
Community Room

Catch a cinematic glimpse of the buyers, sellers, creators, and collectors who make the art world go 'round.

May 22 | Museum Hours

A gentle drama about the friendship between a docent and a patron during repeated visits to the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.

June 12 | Boom for Real: The Late Teenage Years of Jean-Michel Basquiat

Chronicles the vibrant and diverse street art scene that emerged in Manhattan's Lower East Side in the late '70s and early '80s, with special focus on Basquiat.

July 24 | The Thief Collector

A true crime investigation of the heist of a **Willem de Kooning** painting by a New Mexico couple, rediscovered only after their death.

August 7 | Who the \$\$\$\$ Is Jackson Pollock?

Could a thrift store painting be worth millions? Join **Teri Horton** as she navigates the process of trying to authenticate an artwork.



MAY

FREE FOR ALL:
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday, May 5,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium



From PBS's **Independent Lens** series, with support from **Indie Lens Pop Up** and **Ideastream**, this documentary tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.

THE ART OF COLOR

Saturdays, May 10,
June 21 & August 16,
10:00 am to 12:30 pm,
Auditorium



Students will learn about various aspects of color through painting: color theory basics, the emotions of color, and color schemes. All materials provided. Students must be able to attend all three sessions. Presented by **Art House Cleveland**. *This event is supported by the **State Library of Ohio** with federal funds from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**. Registration required.*

&More COLLECTION

Check out these non-traditional materials with your library card: Memory Care Kits, Craft Tools, Digital Radon Detector, OMNI Chargers, & Slide Scanners.



JUNE



HISTORY OF OHIO'S
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Tuesday, June 3,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Community Room

Herbert Burns, historical instructor of Ohio's Underground Railroad at Tri-C Community College Encore Program and a Faith-Based Business Pastor, discusses the theological conflict and turmoil within Ohio's churches leading to the Underground Railroad and a firsthand telling of over 5000+ documents from the **Wilbur H. Seibert Underground Railroad Collection**.



SPICE CLUB POTLUCK

Thursday, June 5,
6:30 to 8:00 pm,
Community Room



Fans of Spice Club will share food and conversation in a casual get-together. Register to let us know what dish you'll be bringing. *Registration required.*

JOURNAL CLUB

Friday, June 6,
11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Auditorium

A laidback hour to work on your journal with fellow journalists. Whether it's filling out your budget or gluing in mementos, we'll provide a dedicated space and a few craft supplies to help you achieve your journaling goals.

POWER OUTAGE TIPS AND
CONSUMER RIGHTS

Monday, June 9,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Auditorium

Are you prepared if the electricity goes out? This program, presented by the **Ohio Consumers' Council**, discusses your rights and provides tips for staying safe during a power outage.

AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, June 13,
10:30 am to 3:30 pm, Auditorium



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

JULY

SUMMER BIRDS OF NORTHEAST
OHIO

Monday, July 7,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Did you know that more than 50 species of birds travel hundreds, even thousands, of miles each spring just to raise a family in NEO? Discover the "summer visitors" through 180 photographs, songs, and calls with the **Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland**.



COLORFUL CRAFTERNOON

Tuesday, July 8,
3:00 to 5:00 pm,
Grand Reading Room

Escape the summer heat with an afternoon of painting! Stop in to enjoy painting at your own pace and without instruction. Supplies provided but bring your creativity.



ESCAPE ROOM:
THE COWAN CAPER

Saturday, July 19,
1:00 to 5:00 pm,
Grand Reading Room

The top-secret Cowan Pottery glaze recipes have been stolen! Solve the puzzles and decode the clues to uncover the mystery behind the theft. Register with a group for a 45-minute session and restore order to the Cowan Pottery Studio. *Registration required.*



FAKE NEWS 101

Wednesday, July 23,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Tri-C Assistant Professor of Journalism/ Mass Communication John Kerezy, M.A., will provide insight, tips, and steps you can take to never be "taken in" by fake news.

FLAVORS OF THE
WORLD: PERU

Saturday, July 26,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Join us as we explore the rich culinary traditions of Latin America, featuring the vibrant flavors of Peru. We will learn about the cultural significance of key ingredients and cooking techniques before preparing a traditional dish to share. *Registration required.*



AUGUST

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PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 9,
1:00 to 4:00 pm,
Library Lawn & Parking Lot

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



FLAVORS OF THE
WORLD: MEXICO

Saturday, August 23,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Join us as we explore the rich culinary traditions of Latin America, featuring the vibrant flavors of Mexico. We will learn about the cultural significance of key ingredients and cooking techniques before preparing a traditional dish to share. *Registration required.*



Training Programs

Registration begins on Thursday, May 1, 9:00 am. Visit rrpl.org to view a calendar of events and registration details. Please call the Technology Training Department at 440-333-7610 x5 or email us at computer.training@rrpl.org with any questions.



LINKEDIN FOR 2025

Saturday, May 3,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Training Room

This year, get the most out of your LinkedIn profile. Learn about the social platform’s latest tools, including AI-assisted job searches, virtual interviews and content creation. Optimize your page with endorsements, skills, headers, and more.

APPLE TIPS AND TRICKS

Tuesday, May 6,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Community Room,
Tuesday, June 3,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Discover hidden features and tricks to boost creativity and productivity on your iPad. Learn how to make the most of built-in tools with no extra apps required! Perfect for anyone looking to unlock their device’s full potential.

MAKE PROJECTS WITH YOUR PICTURES

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

Turn your digital photos into physical keepsakes! Discover design tools and tricks to get your pictures off your devices and into giftable albums, prints, and more.



WORD: ADVANCED FEATURES

Tuesday, May 13,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Explore advanced Word features like styles, headers, and collaboration tools. Learn to track changes, add comments, and more.

DISCORD BASICS

Wednesday, May 14,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Dive into Discord, a server-based app where users form communities and communicate through text, voice, and video. Learn how to create and join servers, manage channels, and stay organized while building your online community. Beginner-friendly

CREATE WITH CRICUT: GARDEN FLAGS

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

Join our hands-on class to design and craft your own unique garden flag using a Cricut machine. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, you’ll leave with a personalized flag and new crafting skills!

EMAIL MASTER

Monday, May 19, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm,
Training Room

Streamline your email with Gmail! Learn to organize your inbox, create filters, and integrate with other Google tools for productivity.

WHAT IS APPLE INTELLIGENCE?

Wednesday, May 21,
6:30 to 8:30, Auditorium,
Wednesday, May 28,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Community Room

Discover the smart features behind Apple devices. From Siri to machine learning, explore how Apple Intelligence simplifies tasks, enhances productivity, and personalizes your experience.

GOOGLE SLIDES MASTER

Thursday, May 29,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Design and deliver stunning presentations with Google Slides. This class covers everything from slide layouts to animations and sharing tools.



ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

Get personalized tech help with mobile apps, computer programs, e-books, and more. Schedule an appointment for one-on-one assistance from RRPL’s Technology Training staff. Available by appointment only. Call 440-333-7610 x 3783 or scan the QR code to schedule.

GOOGLE APPS

Wednesday, June 4,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Zoom

Discover Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides and learn to organize files with Google Drive. A Google account is required to participate.

TAKE THE (KEYBOARD) SHORTCUT!

Tuesday, June 10,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Word processors don’t need the mouse! Join us to explore the most useful Windows and Microsoft application shortcuts that keep your hands on the keyboard.

CANVA FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

Saturday, June 14,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Training Room

Explore Canva’s design capabilities to create, edit, and collaborate on compelling social media posts and flyers to promote your business. Learn tricks to create eye-catching event flyers, colorfully advertise new products, and more!

IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Monday, June 23, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Thursday, July 3, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Auditorium

Unlock the full potential of your iPhone’s camera. Learn about lighting, portrait modes, and editing techniques. Bring your iPhone for hands-on practice.



TECH COFFEE CHATS

Tuesdays,
May 27, June 24, July 29, & August 26,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm,
Community Room

Drop by for coffee and tech help! Get answers to your smartphone, photo organization, or laptop questions from our Technology Training staff. Virtual option available.

USING TEMPLATES IN OFFICE APPS

Wednesday, July 9,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

If you find yourself recreating parts of a document over and over, it’s time to make a template. Learn to create and store templates in Google and Microsoft apps. Make your process more efficient by saving time and avoiding repetitive work!

BALANCE YOUR BUDGET WITH EXCEL

Thursday, July 10, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Saturday, August 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm,
Training Room

Microsoft Excel is a powerful tool that can also help you to manage your money. Learn essential budget management tips to help you balance your finances effectively.

LIBRARY APP-TITUDE!

Tuesday, July 22,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Community Room

Hoopla, Libby, and Kanopy, oh my! Listen to the latest audiobook, watch the full Great Courses catalog, stay informed with our robust digital media subscriptions, and more with the tools built into these media apps and databases.

EXPLORING THE COWAN COLLECTION

Wednesday, July 30,
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Want to learn more about the **Cowan Pottery** collection? Looking for inspiration for your next creative endeavor? Learn how to navigate the collection’s digital search tools, as well as tips for exploring the collection in-person.

SHOP ONLINE FOR GROCERIES DAY

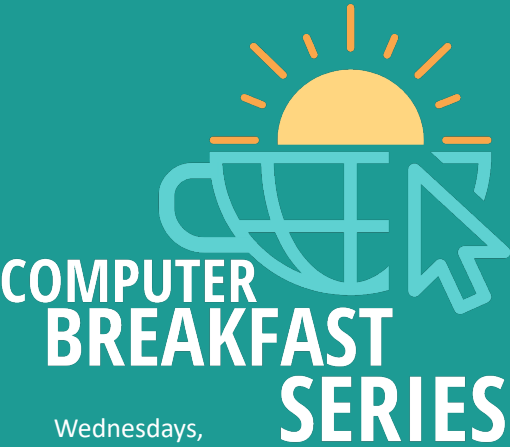
Friday, August 8,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Learn how to use apps like Instacart, Giant Eagle, and Target for easy grocery shopping.

TECH MOVIE: THE SOCIAL DILEMMA

Thursday, August 14,
6:00 to 8:30 pm, Community Room

Catch a screening of **The Social Dilemma**, a 2020 Netflix documentary featuring experts discussing the dangers of social media. Stay after the film for a thoughtful discussion.



COMPUTER BREAKFAST SERIES

Wednesdays,
10:00 to 11:30 am,
Auditorium or Zoom

Join us in the Auditorium once a month to explore technology topics and enjoy a bite and a beverage with us! *Registration required for Zoom.*

YOU NEED A PASSWORD MANAGER!

May 21

Keep bad actors from compromising your accounts and online credentials by using a password manager, which will let you use much more complex and harder-to-break logins.

AVOIDING DIGITAL SCAMS

June 18

Something’s phish-y! Get an overview of the latest digital scams and phishing schemes, with exercises on how to identify them, tips for staying safe, and resources for recovering from incidents.

AI APPRECIATION DAY & UNLOCKING AI

July 16

Celebrate AI Appreciation Day by exploring what AI is and how it can help us. Learn the basics of prompt engineering and discover practical ways to harness AI for everyday tasks.

PLAN YOUR DIGITAL LEGACY

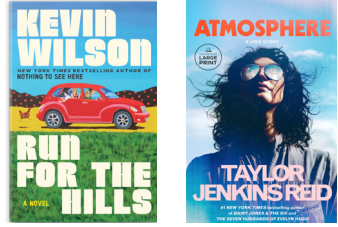
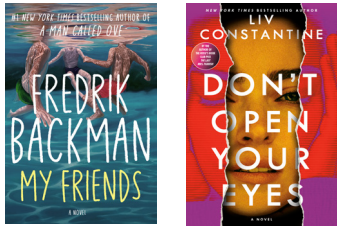
August 20

Plan to secure your digital legacy. Decide how you want your social media accounts handled, and learn to organize and safely store passwords, photos, documents, and other digital assets to ensure loved ones can access them easily after you’re gone.



Between the Covers

See our selection of new books coming to Rocky River Public Library this Summer!



MAY

My Name Is Emilia Del Valle
Isabel Allende

After a fling with a Chilean aristocrat, an Irish nun gives birth to a daughter named Emilia. As she grows, Emilia becomes an independent thinker and self-sufficient young woman with a passion for writing. Forced to write under a male pen name, her career leads her to the country of her roots, civil war, and a new destiny.

My Friends
Fredrik Backman

Three tiny figures sitting on a pier are just a passing detail in one of the most famous paintings in the world. As an aspiring artist, Louisa is determined to find out their story. While researching the history of the painting, she uncovers stories of a seaside town, a group of teenagers, an abandoned pier, and lost souls.

The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club
Martha Hall Kelly

Mari is grieving her mother's death while vacationing on Martha's Vineyard and clutching a scrap of paper with the name of reclusive painter Elizabeth Devereaux. The famous painter introduces her to the story of the Smith sisters, inhabitants of Martha's Vineyard during World War II.

The Busybody Book Club
Freya Sampson

Nova starts a book club in her new Cornish seaside village, but it's doomed for disaster. The members disagree on everything, and a large amount of money is stolen during one of their meetings. When a dead body turns up at one of the member's homes, suspicion and theories abound.

Run for the Hills
Kevin Wilson

Ever since her dad left, it's just been Madeline "Mad" Hill and her mom on their Tennessee farm. When Reuben "Rube" Hill pulls up to the farm one day announcing he's her half brother, Mad joins him for a crazy road trip to track down a string of half siblings and their father. As Mad and Rube share stories of their father, they begin to question his motives.

The Emperor of Gladness
Ocean Vuong

Nineteen-year-old Hai is readying himself to jump off a bridge when he hears a shout. Grazina, an elderly widow with dementia convinces him to continue another day, and faced with few options, he becomes her caretaker. The unlikely pair develops a bond built on empathy, spiritual reckoning, and heartbreak.

JUNE

Flashlight
Susan Choi

The last memories Louisa had of her father are fuzzy. They're walking the beach and he's carrying a flashlight. And then she turns up washed by the tide, ten years old with no adult in sight. The family tragedy strikes a chord with her American mother Anne, her illegitimate half brother Tobias, and her father himself.

Don't Open Your Eyes
Liv Constantine

From the outside, Annabelle's life is picture perfect: a devoted husband, wonderful daughters, and a successful career. But when she's asleep, her dreams are full of disturbing images. Soon, the dreams become reality as her premonitions lead to danger for her daughter Scarlett.

The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau
Kristin Harmel

Thievery has been a family tradition as long as Colette can remember. But in 1942, four year old Liliane disappears with a bracelet sewn into the hem of her nightgown. Her body is recovered, but the bracelet is missing. Seventy years later, the missing bracelet turns up in a museum, forcing Colette to search for the truth.

Fox
Joyce Carol Oates

Francis Fox is the newest teacher at an elite boarding school, but his colleagues, students and their parents are all wondering- who is he? After his car is found half-submerged in a local pond and a body is found in the nearby woods, his character and true purpose are called into question.

Atmosphere
Taylor Jenkins Reid

As a professor of physics and astronomy, Joan has always been obsessed with the stars. When NASA issues a call for women scientists for their space shuttle program, Joan knows this is her chance. After being selected from thousands of applicants, the new astronauts become unlikely friends as Joan questions her place in the observable universe.

Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil
V.E. Schwab

The bodies of three young women are planted in the same soil as their stories tangle through time. As each woman meets a mysterious figure promising freedom, their stories of grief, madness and death entwine, from 1532 to 1827 to 2019.

JULY

The Payback
Kashana Cauley

Jada Williams is a pro at judging people by their looks. Too bad she's no longer a wardrobe designer to Hollywood stars, but a minimum wage mall worker. With the help of two other debt-burdened mall coworkers, she is forced to outrun the newly instated Debt Police while hatching a plan for revenge.

The Bewitching
Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Nana Alba's stories of the olden days have always stuck with Minerva. As a graduate student, Minerva is diving deep into the life of Beatrice Tremblay, an author of macabre tales. But when the events in Tremblay's writings mirror Nana Alba's stories, Minerva suspects that the same shadow may be following her.

The Girl I Was
Jeneva Rose

Newly unemployed, Alexis finds a bottle of vodka from her college days and blacks out. But instead of waking up at home, she wakes up in 2002 in her college town. Face to face with her eighteen-year-old self, Lexi, she must come to terms with their differences to restore order.

The View from Lake Como
Adriana Trigiani

Jess is a talented marble draftswoman at the family business. Divorced and living in her parents' basement, her fate is hers to carve. After a shocking loss unearths family secrets, Jess books a one-way ticket to Italy where she meets Angelo, a passionate artist.

The Woman in Suite 11
Ruth Ware

Lo Blacklock is excited to reestablish her journalism career covering the opening of a luxury Swiss hotel. The chateau is a dream and Lo hopes to interview the reclusive owner, Marcus Leidmann. When she gets a call asking her to come to Marcus's hotel room, she is greeted by a woman claiming to be his mistress and begging her to save her.

Wayward Girls
Susan Wiggs

Six teenagers are locked away at the Good Shepherd, a secretive institution run by Sisters of Charity nuns. Mairin, Angela, Helen, Odessa, Denise and Janice are all from the fringes of society and all have their own haunting reasons for being there. Together they join in solidarity to break free and find justice.

AUGUST

The Violet Hour
Victoria Benton Frank

Violet has always been the sweet, perfect baby in her loud family on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. When a sudden breakup and tragedy leaves her reeling, she leans on her best friend Aly to help her find out who she really is.

Too Old for This
Samantha Downing

Lottie Jones leads a quiet life of bingo games and small town gossip. But when investigative journalist Plum Dixon shows up and starts asking questions about her past, Lottie's cover is blown. She thought her crimes were behind her, but it turns out all those unsolved cases are pointing directly towards her.

Well, Actually
Mazey Eddings

Interviewing B-list celebrities isn't the journalism career Eva expected. When she calls out her college ex Rylie and goes viral, she's forced to confront his toxic behavior. But he's not the man she remembers. Rylie is now a social media personality who wants to rebrand himself in Eva's eyes.

Katabasis
R.F. Kuang

Alice Law has sacrificed everything to become one of the best and brightest in the field of Magick. When esteemed magician Professor Jacob Gribes dies in an accident that could be her fault, she's forced to follow him to the depths of Hell to save him.

Loved One
Aisha Muharrar

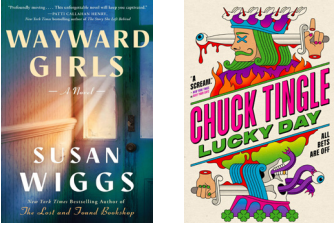
Julia will never forget her first love and close friend Gabe. At his funeral, Julia meets Elizabeth, Gabe's most recent ex-girlfriend, and the interaction leaves her with even more questions. When Gabe's mother asks Julia to visit her late son's London home, Julia and Elizabeth must make sense of the man they knew.

Lucky Day
Chuck Tingle

Vera is a statistics professor and a survivor of a global catastrophe, but she sure isn't thriving. When a government agent named Layne arrives knocking on her door, she's called on to investigate an improbably lucky and perhaps even deadly Las Vegas casino.

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Drop-In Programs

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

Cowan Pottery Museum

See page 4
Crafting with the Curator
Discovering Your Home’s Hidden Stories
History Book Discussion: *The Wager*
Eploring the Cowan Collection
The History of Iron Rose Works

All Ages

See page 5
Summer Reading Kickoff Party
2025 Color Our World Summer Reading
Library Lawn Concerts

Family Events

See pages 6 & 7
Spider-Man Appreciation Day
Games+LEGO®=Family Fun
Curbside Crafts to Go
Inside Drive-In: *The Wild Robot*
Stuffed Animal Sleep Over
Chalk Party

Children’s Programs

See pages 8 & 9
Play, Learn, and Grow
Drop-In Family Storytime
Tween Scene

Teen Programs

See page 10
After School Computers
Everything Teen Trivia
Bingo
Juneteenth for Teens

Adult Book Discussions

See page 14
True Crime Wednesday
Adult Rocky River Readers Book Club
Summer Civics Book Discussion
History Book Discussion
Book a Chat with Chief Lichman

Adult Programs

See pages 15-17
Spice Club
Indie International Film Festival
Movie Matinee
Art World on Film
Free For All:The Public Library
History of Ohio’s Underground Railroad
Journal Club
Power Outage Tips and Consumer Rights
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Summer Birds of Northeast Ohio
Colorful Crafternoon
Fake News 101
Journal Club
PRIDE Festival

Training Programs

See page 19
Tech Coffee Chat

Rocky River Public Library Closing Dates Summer 2025

Sunday, May 11
Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 25
Memorial Day Weekend


Monday, May 26
Memorial Day

Sunday, June 15
Father’s Day

Thursday, June 19
Juneteenth

Friday, July 4
Independence Day

Sunday, August 31
Labor Day Weekend



LEAVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Have you recently attended a program, event, or book club meeting with us? Please share how it went by scanning the QR code answering a few quick questions on our ‘Events’ tab by clicking ‘Feedback’.



MEMORY KITS

Check out one of our new Memory Kits to recall past memories and build new experiences. Filled with a variety of supplies for group or individual exploration, these kits can be borrowed for up to three weeks. Find them in the Grand Reading Room!

Contact us!

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2 Adult Reference	8 Library Hours
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Monday – Thursday	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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