

2026 Fall Programs

Children, Tweens, & Family

Registration begins **Saturday, August 29, 9:00am.**

To register, visit **rrpl.org** and click on **Events**, call **440-333-7610 x4**, or stop by the 2nd Floor.
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HVAC Replacement Project

Taking care of this beautiful building is one of the ways we take care of the community. As we begin an HVAC replacement project this fall, we wish to share more about the work ahead, what it means for patrons, and why this investment matters.

After more than 50 years, the current HVAC system has exceeded its life expectancy and needs to be modernized. While the work may bring some temporary inconvenience, it represents an important investment in the comfort and long-term care of our shared public space. This project will help ensure the Library remains a welcoming and comfortable place year-round for years to come.

Construction is expected to be phased during the milder fall season so the Library can remain open as much as possible. Advance notice will be provided for work that may affect patrons, neighbors, or community partners. Our goal is to keep everyone informed and reduce inconvenience wherever possible.

Once complete, the upgraded system will provide more consistent temperatures, better humidity control, improved energy efficiency, and a more pleasant environment for patrons, staff, and visitors. It will also support more reliable and cost-effective operations and help reduce seasonal HVAC disruptions.

This project is possible because of careful planning by Library leadership and the Board of Trustees. For more than a decade, funds were set aside so this essential work could move forward without additional borrowing or a bond issue. We are grateful to be able to address this crucial infrastructure need in a way that honors your investment in us and supports our ongoing service every day.

Maintaining the building and its infrastructure is an important part of serving our community.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we continue caring for a place that belongs to all of us.

★ Registration required ☆ Registration suggested

STORYTIMES

September 28 – November 5

*Due to the RRPL HVAC project, all fall Storytimes will be held in the **Club Room** at the **Don Umerley Civic Center (21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116)***

BABY & ME STORYTIME ★

For babies, toddlers, & their caregivers

Mondays, 9:15am – 9:35am & 10:15am – 10:35am

Wednesdays, 6:15pm – 6:35pm

Snuggle up for a lapsit program of stories, songs, and rhymes. Stay afterwards and have fun socializing.

2'S & 3'S STORYTIME ★

For children ages 2-3 & their caregivers

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

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

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME ★

For children ages 4-6, caregivers as needed

Mondays, 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Wednesdays, 7:15pm – 7:45pm

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

BIRTH TO AGE 6

NEIGHBOR TIME ★

For ages 3-6 & their caregivers

Wednesdays, September 9, September 16, September 23, 1:30pm – 2:15pm & 6:30pm – 7:15pm, Purple Room

Inspired by the wonderful world of **Mister Rogers' Neighborhood** and the tools and teachings of **Fred Rogers**. Through activities, stories, crafts and more, children acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions, achieve goals, show empathy, maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

MESSY ART @ HOME ★

For children ages 2-5 & their caregivers

Mondays, September 21, October 19, November 16

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-Up Window.

PLAY, LEARN, & GROW ☆

For ages 6 months-3 years & their caregivers

Thursdays, September 24, November 19, December 10, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Purple Room

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

PARACHUTE PLAY ★

For children ages 4-6

Monday, November 16, 1:30pm – 2:00pm & 6:30pm – 7:00pm, Purple Room

Jump in and get energized with a parachute, music, and movement!

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME ☆

For children of all ages and caregivers

Mondays, November 23, December 7, December 21, 6:45pm – 7:15pm, Auditorium

Tuesdays, November 24, December 8, December 22, 10:15am to 10:45am, Auditorium

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

Sign Up for Winter Reading 12/2 – 2/15

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GRADES K-3

BOOK BABBLE ★

For grades 2-3

Tuesdays, October 13, November 10, December 8, 7:00pm – 7:45pm, Green Room

Calling all young readers! Join us for discussions of early chapter books and graphic novels. Talk about your favorite parts and enjoy activities inspired by the book with friends.

CREEPY CRAFTS ★

For grades K-3

Saturday, October 17, 2:30pm – 3:15pm, Purple Room

Celebrate the spooky season with crafts inspired by mythological monsters.

WILL IT WAFFLE? ★

For grades 1-3

Tuesday, October 27, 4:30pm – 5:30pm, Auditorium

Since the dawn of time, philosophers have pondered the ultimate question, “Will it waffle?” Join us as we try out different foods to see if they will “waffle”.

MINI MAKERSPACE EXPLORATION ☆

For grades K-3

Friday, November 6, 11:00am – 1:00pm, Purple Room

Drop in for some hands-on activities to explore, create, build, tinker, and invent to stretch your imagination! Check out some of our STEAM collection items.

TWEENS (GRADES 4-6)

TWEEN SCENE ☆

For tweens

Mondays through Thursdays while Rocky River City Schools are in session, 3:30pm – 4:30pm, Green Room

Stop by the Library after school to hang out and enjoy a rotating selection of crafts, activities, and games.

AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTERS ☆

For ages 10 & up

Rocky River City School days, 3:15pm – 4:50pm, Training Room

Tweens and teens are invited after school for an open lab. Computer availability is first come, first served.

VOLUNTEERS ★

For grades 5-12

Tuesdays, September 29, October 27, November 24, 4:00pm – 5:00pm, Purple Room

Make an impact at your Library. Students can gain experience and service hours helping Library Staff with projects, including writing book reviews, organizing, recycling, & more!

BAN THIS BOOK? ★

For grades 4-6

Tuesday, October 6, 4:30pm – 5:30pm, Purple Room

What if you weren't allowed to read your favorite book? See what fourth grader Amy Anne Ollinger does when her favorite book is banned by her school library in *Ban This Book* by **Alan Gratz**. Pick up your copy before the program and join us to discuss. Snacks will be provided.

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FAMILY EVENTS

SHARE YOUR LOVE OF GRANDPARENTS

September 1 – September 13, 2nd Floor

Grandparents Day is September 13. Stop by the 2nd Floor to make a special card for a loved one. Make another to share with our Outreach Community.

1,000 PAPER CRANES: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

September 1 – September 30, 2nd Floor

Celebrate the International Day of Peace on September 21 and the story of Sadako Sasaki by making cranes throughout the month. Origami paper and instructions can be found on the 2nd Floor. Donated cranes will be hung up with the goal of having 1,000 cranes made.

GAMES + LEGO® = FAMILY FUN ☆ *For school-age children & their families*

Thursdays, September 3, November 12, December 3, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Purple Room

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

ADAPTED STORYTIME ★

Saturdays, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, 11:00am – 11:45am, 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 those who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years, but all children are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately. To register, visit connectingforkids.org/library.

TALL TALES & SILLY SONGS ★ *For school-age children & their families*

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Purple Room

Listen to a Tall Tale about a 30-foot sailor named Captain Stormalong and sing fun sea shanties. Learn to play a traditional rhythm folk toy called a limberjack and take a turn playing a mountain dulcimer. Enjoy creating a craft and having a snack together too!

THANK A VETERAN

November 1 – November 11, 2nd Floor

Veterans Day is November 11. Stop by the 2nd Floor and make a thank you card or color a picture to give to a veteran you know. Please make another card or coloring page that can be shared with our Veteran Outreach Community.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FESTIVAL ☆

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00pm – 6:00pm, Auditorium (*Sensory Time 5:30pm – 6:00pm, Purple Room*)

The holidays are coming! Drop in to create decorations for your home. *While supplies last.*

HAPPY NOON YEAR PARTY ★ *For grades K-5 & their families*

Saturday, January 2, 2027, 11:30am – 12:30pm, Auditorium

Happy Noon Year! Do you have a hard time staying up until midnight? Join us to watch the countdown until noon on January 2! There will be New Year's themed games, activities, crafts, and snacks!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

No matter what you like to do, a library card hits all the right notes! Fill out a musical note of what you like to do in the library to put on our Youth Services bulletin board and enter our drawing to win a special basket at the end of the month. Any youth with a library card can enter the contest. If you don't have a library card, then sign up for one!