

SPRING 2024



Library Link

Events for Adults, Children & Teens at the Upper Arlington Public Library



Mezclado mixes it up at Live in the Library.

A Note from Director Beth Hatch

I can finally breathe a sigh of relief as major repair projects for our buildings are on their way. The Tremont Road Branch is getting a new roof, and the HVAC systems at both Lane Road and Miller Park are being replaced. Safety and major repairs and maintenance are at the top of the Library's list of priorities in 2024.

We were excited to see the results of the 10-Year Master Facilities Plan conducted by HBM Architects. It details not only the major repairs and costs but also general ways to improve our spaces, accessibility, and the usability of the collection. We had a great response in the community engagement sessions and the online survey, and here is what we learned:

What's important to you and what you want us to continue:

- Maintain the inviting and warm feel of UAPL facilities.
- Continue to provide access to the collection.
- Continue to provide stellar children's and family spaces with interactive play, collections, and programming.

What you think the Library needs:

- Increased access to power everywhere.
- Study and meeting rooms of all sizes.
- Enclosed spaces with different seating options.
- A small business resource center.
- Covered outdoor seating as long as it does not duplicate park functions.
- Flexibility to adapt to community needs.

To keep up with our progress on the Master Facilities Plan, look for the new Facilities Update feature in each issue of *UA Insight*, which is mailed to UA homes and can be found on the websites of the City of UA or the Library.

Enter our Cover Photo Contest

Your photo could be featured on the cover of our Summer 2024 *Library Link* program guide!

Take and submit an original photo of your family or friends at one of our branches. The photo should illustrate the upcoming Summer Reading Program theme of "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Fill out the Google form at <https://uapl.me/3SbKxwV> and attach your hi-res photo (300 dpi or higher). A Google account is required.

You may submit up to 3 photos for consideration. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, April 11. Photos may also be featured in our social media.



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Registration: Please register through our online program calendar at ualibrary.org.

Photography: Video and photos may be taken of library activities for use in future online and print promotions. If you prefer that you or your child not be photographed, please notify the photographer.

More info: Find more information from the Library in the bimonthly *UA Insight* publication.

On the cover: Local band Mezclado performs at the Tremont Road Branch on April 25. See page 7.



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Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621

The Beautiful History of Early Fashion Photography

Fri., March 1 at 4:30 p.m.

*Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open*

The relationship between two arts – fashion and photography – goes all the way back to the 1920s. Presenter **Claire Wiedman** shares info about some of the major practitioners, and how we still see their influence today.

Must Haves for Your Emergency Binder

Tue., March 5 at 1:30 p.m.

*Friends Theater; 60 min.
Call (614) 583-5326 to register*

Join the UA Commission on Aging and **Kimberly Roberts** of Evergold at Home as we discuss how to make a grab and go binder, and how to be prepared for the “what ifs” in life.

Get to Know Your Government

Thur., March 7 at 6:30 p.m. – RITA

Thur., March 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Franklin County Recorder’s Office

Thur., April 18 at 6:30 p.m. – City of UA Public Service Department

Thur., May 16 at 6:30 p.m. – Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

*Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open*

This engaging series features guest speakers from local, county, and state government agencies. Explore the inner workings of governance, understand public services, and connect with the people shaping your community. Each presentation will conclude with a Q & A session. It’s your chance to be informed, be involved, and be a part of the conversation.

Adult Crafternoon

Fri., March 8 at 2 p.m. – Beginning Cross Stitch

Fri., April 5 at 2 p.m. – Upcycled Macrame

Fri., May 3 at 2 p.m. – String Art Meeting Room B; 60 min.

Registration now open

Children shouldn’t have all the crafting fun! Join adult staff for some fun and nostalgic crafting.

Zine Workshop

Sat., March 9 at 2 p.m.

*Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open*

Ever wanted to self-publish? Ever wanted to create your own magazine? Then zine creation may be for you! Zines are self-published, DIY, small-run, publications about any weird, niche subject you want! Join **Ty Williams** to learn a little about the history of zines, then try your hand at making your own.

Spring Gardening Series

Get a beautiful backyard with tips from the Columbus Garden School.

Backyard Vegetables and Other Edibles

Thur., March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

*Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open*

Want to grow herbs and vegetables, but not sure how to start? We’ll cover the basics: garden location, soil prep, and best plant choices including fruit trees, bushes, vines, and berries.

Backyard Biodiversity

Thur., April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

*Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open*

A healthy, vibrant yard contains diversity. Restore natural habitat and wildlife by identifying your landscape liabilities, making better plant choices, and using low-toxic gardening methods.

Secrets of the Garden Center

Thur., May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

*Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open*

The plants in your yard may have travelled over 2,000 miles. Learn about industrial horticulture, the history of “hobby” gardening, and how you can use this information on your next plant purchase!



ADULT PROGRAMS



2024 Film Discussion Series: Divergence/Convergence

Wed., March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

This spring we continue our journey to learn about our world from the divergent stories that filmmakers of all walks bring to us. Early each month we'll release a list of films around a particular theme. Watch as many as you choose, and at the end of the month, we'll converge for a discussion led by an expert. Stop in the Adult Department at the Tremont Branch or register for this program to receive the list by email. Titles will be available on DVD, Blu-ray, or streaming free with your library card through Kanopy and Hoopla. In March, we feature films that explore women's agency and resistance in the Americas, then have a discussion led by **Alyssa Bedrosian**, Graduate Research Associate for the Ohio State Center for Feminist Research, Education, and Engagement. In April, we discuss films featuring Arab-American Identities and have a discussion led by **Dr. Hoda Yousef**, a historian of the modern Middle East and the Islamic World. In May, we feature films that speak to the AAPI experience, with a presenter TBD.

Book Circle

Wed., March 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Wed., April 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Wed., May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B; 60 min.

No registration

In March, we'll discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. In April, it's *Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. Then in May, we'll discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano.

Behind the Music Book Club

Wed., March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

Registration now open

A book club for music fans: band memoirs, histories of music scenes and movements, musician biographies and more. In March, come prepared to talk about your favorite music-related book. We'll then build the year's reading list based on attendees' particular interests. If you aren't able to attend the March date, but would like to participate in the future, make a note in the registration.

Lit and Libations

at Littleton's Market

Tue., March 19 at 7 p.m.

Tue., April 16 at 7 p.m.

Tue., May 21 at 7 p.m.

Littleton's Market

2140 Tremont Center

60 min.

No registration

Join us for our monthly wine and book club at our new location, Littleton's Market. Bring a book you've enjoyed that fits the month's theme: Women's History in March, Poetry in April, and Mystery in May. Littleton's Market will complement the month's genre with some wine styles that are new and refreshing. Wine and other food & beverage will be available for purchase. Need help finding a book that fits this month's genre? Stop by or call the Tremont Road Branch Adult Department.



Sustainability Fair 2024

**Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
at the Tremont Road Branch**

Join UAPL and Sustainable UA as we celebrate the sustainable initiatives happening in our community. Visit with local organizations, try hands-on activities, learn about sustainable backyard practices with Franklin Soil & Water, and enjoy youth-focused programs with the family.



Atrium

- Upper Arlington Public Library
- Sustainable UA
- SWACO
- Electrify Central Ohio
- Solar United Neighbors
- Friends of the UA Parks
- Franklin Soil and Water
- Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed
- Columbus Garden School



Parking Lot

- **Electric car tour and Q&A** with Drive Electric Columbus
- **E-waste recycling** with City of UA
- **Electric bikes to test ride** with Roll UA
- **Book donation collection** with Friends of the UA Library
- **Household item donation collection** with Goodwill
- **Food for purchase** from Fetty's Food Truck

Friends Theater (downstairs)

- 10:30 a.m.: **Community Backyards Rebate Workshop** with Franklin Soil and Water. Find out what you can do to help protect our waterways beginning right in your own backyard! Franklin County residents can receive a rebate to install a backyard conservation practice.
- 1:00 p.m.: **BUGMAN** – Explore the big beautiful world of bugs and learn how important they are to our ecosystem.

Youth Department

- 10:30 a.m.: **Storytime** – Author Danae Wolfe reads her book *Deep in the Branches*, a charming tale about the life cycle of treehoppers and love in unexpected places.



Meeting Room A

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: **Recycled Paper Crafts** with Laura Oldham

ADULT PROGRAMS

Art and History in the Ohio Judicial Center: A Visual Tour

Thur., March 21 at 6 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

Learn about The Ohio Judicial Center, a building with over 220 murals, reliefs, and mosaics in the Art Deco and Beaux Arts style. Presented by author and photographer **Richard Burry**.

Eclipse Glasses Distribution

Thur., March 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Atrium
No registration; while they last

Excited for the eclipse? We'll be distributing eclipse glasses to get you ready for the big day. The supply is limited and we can share 2 pairs per household while supplies last.

UA Commission on Aging Help Desk

Wed., March 27 at 12 p.m.
Wed., April 24 at 12 p.m.
Wed., May 22 at 12 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
No registration

Have questions about resources for aging in Upper Arlington? A staff member from the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging will help you find answers.

UA Commission on Aging Caregiving Support Group

Wed., March 27 at 1 p.m.
Wed., April 24 at 1 p.m.
Wed., May 22 at 1 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
No registration

This group is led by a clinician with years of experience in supporting caregivers. Please call (614) 583-5326 if you're attending the group for the first time or if you need respite services for your loved ones.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thur., March 28; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fri., April 12; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fri., May 31; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Meeting Room B & Friends Theater
No registration

Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "UAPL".

Free Digital Materials for Creatives

Sun., April 7 at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 90 min.
No registration

Libraries, archives and museums offer large collections of digital materials that are free to use in your creative projects. Learn how to find them, and how to know what uses are permitted.

Welcome to Medicare

Thur., April 11 at 1 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Call (614) 583-5326 to register

Learn about Medicare eligibility, enrollment and benefit options with OSHIIP, a program of the Ohio Department of Insurance that does not sell, recommend or endorse insurance products.

Puzzle Swap

Sat., April 13 at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
No registration

Trade puzzles with other enthusiasts! This program is intended for adults with gently used puzzles, 300+ pieces.

Sustainable Fashion

Wed., April 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
No registration

You love fashion, but it has a waste problem. **Lisa Goldsand** of Circular Thrift shares ways that you can reduce that waste without losing your style.

Abstraction in Photography

Fri., April 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Photography has long been intertwined with ideas about "truth" and faithful recordings of the world. So how did abstraction arise within the medium? **Claire Wiedman** leads a look at key figures in the evolution of abstraction, talk about a few early photographic processes, and notable practitioners

Backyard Predators: Coyotes, Foxes and More

Sat., April 20 at 11 a.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
No registration

As urban sprawl continues to increase, encounters between wildlife and humans occur more frequently. Coyotes, foxes, and skunks are using our communities and backyards to search for food, water, and shelter. Join **Marne Titchenell** from OSU's Extension as we work to better understand these wild animals and their behavior.

Community Naloxone Training

Mon., April 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Ages 14+
Registration now open

Franklin County Public Health will offer a 1-hour training where you'll learn about substance use disorders and the different types of opioids. You'll understand how to identify signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose and how to administer naloxone. At the end of the training, you'll receive a naloxone kit to take with you. This program is offered in partnership with Franklin County Public Health, The Stand Project UA and the UA CARES program.

Art History:**Neoclassicism and Romanticism****Thur., April 25 at 4 p.m.***Friends Theater; 60 min.**Registration now open*

The art of France, England, and Germany in the late 18th and early 19th centuries centered on inspiring a strong emotional response from the viewer. Learn more from presenter and art educator **Sean Crum**.

Live in the Library: Mezclado**Thur., April 25 at 6:30 p.m.***Friends Theater; 60 min.**No registration*

Mezclado is a recent Listen Columbus addition whose music transcends

from lyrical, indie rock to psychedelic and Mexican punk. The band's goal of mixing different styles, genres, and languages in their sound gave inspiration for their name, Mezclado, which means "mixed" in Spanish.

**Writing Workshop
with Thurber House****Tue., April 30 at 6 p.m.***Meeting Room B; 90 min.**Registration opens April 16*

Mystery writer **Andrew Welsh-Huggins** will break down the ins and outs of mystery fiction. Andrew will discuss the multitude of genres—how is "cozy" different from "traditional"?—and along the way will provide practical

advice for conceiving, writing, editing, submitting, and publishing crime-related short stories and novels.

Top Scams Targeting Seniors**Wed., May 15 at 2 p.m.***Friends Theater; 60 min.**No registration*

On National Senior Fraud Awareness Day, **Jessica Hamlin** from the Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio will give an overview of common scams targeting seniors, and identify red flags and tactics that con artists use against older adults specifically.



Uncover Your Family History

Local History and Genealogy Librarian Julie Callahan helps you tackle genealogical research.

Beginning Genealogy**Sat., March 16 at 10:30 a.m.***Meeting Room B; 60 min.**Registration now open*

Genealogy is a popular pastime. If you've ever thought about looking into the history of your family, this program will help you get started. This class is an introduction to the sources, websites, tools, and tips that are needed to start your family history journey.

**Vital Records
for Genealogists****Sat., April 13 at 10:30 a.m.***Meeting Room B; 60 min.**Registration now open*

Vital records are a wealth of information on individual ancestors, and can lead to information on other family members, too. This program will show what key information to look for in the records and where to find them both online and off.

**Planning for a
Genealogical Road Trip****Sat., May 11 at 10:30 a.m.***Meeting Room B; 60 min.**Registration now open*

There may come a time when the internet runs out of answers to your genealogical questions. That means a road trip! This program will give you tips on how to plan, choose and navigate the libraries, archives, and government agencies that you may want to visit.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Small Business Fair

**Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
at the Tremont Road Branch**

Calling all aspiring and current small business owners! Join us to connect with mentors, consult with experts, network with other local entrepreneurs and business people, explore essential tools and resources, and learn what you need to succeed. It promises to be beneficial no matter where you are in your entrepreneurial journey.

Come and go as you please throughout this free 4-hour event.

Atrium

Stop by to chat with representatives from organizations including:

- Upper Arlington Public Library
- City of Upper Arlington: Cultural Arts Division
- ECDI
- Ohio Secretary of State's office: Business Services Division
- SCORE Columbus
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- Tri-Village Chamber of Commerce
- Upper Arlington Community Foundation
- Women's Business Center

Youth Department

- **11:15a.m.-12 p.m. Let's Build a City!** – Junior Achievement of Central Ohio will lead an activity that teaches how personal choices can influence community. Great for kids ages 6-11.

Meeting Room A

- **12-1 p.m. Library business resources**– Take a 20-minute tour of the library and hear about the ways we can help your business. Tours begin at 12:00, 12:20 and 12:40.

Meeting Room B (downstairs)

- **10:15-11 a.m. Network with other local entrepreneurs.**
- **12-1 p.m. Speed mentoring with SCORE volunteers** – Spend 15 minutes with a mentor and get your questions answered.
- **1-2 p.m. Speed mentoring sessions with SCORE volunteers**

Friends Theater (downstairs)

- **11 a.m.-12 p.m. Brand Building 101: Creating a Memorable Identity for Your Business** – Join **Yasmine Robles** as she dives into the fundamentals of building a strong brand identity, discusses the importance of cohesive branding across digital and offline channels, and shares insights on creating a brand that resonates with your target audience. Yasmine is the visionary Chief Sparkle Strategist behind Robles Designs—a local agency dedicated to empowering small businesses with marketing strategy, websites, and brand design, fueling the ambitions of entrepreneurs set on world domination. Registration encouraged at ualibrary.org
- **1-2 p.m. Registering and Maintaining a Business in Ohio** – The **Ohio Secretary of State office** is where businesses start in Ohio! Get an overview of the role of the Business Services Division of the Secretary of State's office; business name registration requirements; how to submit subsequent business filings to maintain an active, good standing status, and an overview of the changes implemented with the LLC Modernization Act. You'll also hear about services offered by the Ohio Secretary of State to assist you once the business is active. Some of these services help prevent business identity theft, ensure compliance with a new federal law requiring many businesses to report beneficial ownership information, and connect you to additional resources with the Ohio Business Resource Connection. Registration encouraged at ualibrary.org



Lane Road Branch | 1945 Lane Road (614) 459-0273

Spanish Conversation Practice

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. through May 14
Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.
Registration now open

Practice Spanish conversation in a small group led by an experienced volunteer teacher. This class is for adults who know at least some Spanish.

English Conversation Class

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. through May 15
Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.
Registration now open

Practice English conversation in a small group led by an experienced volunteer teacher. This class is for adults who are learning English as a second language (ESL) and already know at least a little English.

Book Chats

Tue., March 12 at 4 p.m.

Tue., April 9 at 4 p.m.

Tue., May 14 at 4 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.
No registration

No assignments, no obligations. Just a group of book lovers at Lane Road talking about their latest reads and discovering their next ones.

Book Circle

Thur., March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Thur., April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Thur., May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.
No registration

In March, we'll discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. In April, it's *Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. Then in May, we'll discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano.



Spring Craft Night: Paper Making

Thur., March 28 at 6 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.

Registration now open

Express your creativity with an evening of crafting. We'll make paper from recycled materials and decorate it with elements of Spring. All supplies are provided. Open to teens and adults.

Writers' Group

Thur., March 21 at 6 p.m.

Thur., April 18 at 6 p.m.

Thur., May 16 at 6 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.
No registration

Find inspiration, accountability, and an opportunity to develop your create writing skills at this monthly writers' group. If you want more information about the group or would like to join, please email the Lane Road Programmer at vschrock@ualibrary.org.

Cozy Corner Café

Sun., March 24; 1-4:30 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room
No registration

Enjoy a peaceful Sunday afternoon at the Cozy Corner Café. Hot drinks are provided along with puzzles, board games, and coloring supplies.

The First Ohioans and Climate Change

Thur., April 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.
Registration now open

Dr. Brad Lepper, Senior Archaeologist at the Ohio History Connection, presents a look at the long history of humans and climate change in Ohio.

Climate Change, Impacts, and What We Can Do

Tue., April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.
Registration now open

Join us for a climate literacy talk presented by the **Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center**. The talk will focus on public policy considerations and actions to address climate change.

Get Organized: Tips to Tackle Home Organization

Thur., April 25 at 6 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.

Registration now open

Kick start your Spring cleaning with **Ellen Limes**, Certified Professional Organizer® and founder of Organized by L. Ellen will draw on her nearly 20 years of experience to offer tips and tricks that will help you organize the troublesome spaces in your home. Bring your questions and get ready to get organized!

Arts & Crafts Supply Swap

Sat., April 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sun., April 21 from 1-3 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room

No registration

Bring in your craft gear that's gathering dust and trade it for supplies that will spark inspiration. Drop off supplies at the Lane Road Branch anytime during open hours from April 13-19 and receive a ticket for the swap. This ticket will get you priority access to the swap between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday. The swap will be open to everyone after 12 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday.

Needlepoint Coasters

Mon., May 6 at 2 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.

Registration now open

Learn some basic needlepoint stitches and make your own unique needlepoint coaster. All supplies provided.

Goat Yoga

Sun., May 19 at 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Outdoors; 60 min.

Registration opens May 5 at 1 p.m.

Experience goat yoga with **Good Green Earth Farm**. No yoga experience required. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel and a bottle of water. The goats enjoy perching on backs, so we recommend wearing a shirt that completely covers your back and shoulders.

Miller Park Branch | 1901 Arlington Avenue (614) 488-5710



Garden Swap

Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

No registration

Gardeners can drop by the Miller Park Branch to swap excess healthy plants, cuttings, pottery, tools, seeds, and more with fellow gardeners. Make your garden even "greener" by preventing waste!

English Conversation Practice

March 2-May 29

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

2 hrs.

Registration opens March 1

Adults can meet weekly in a small group with a library volunteer to practice and improve conversational English. Registration is limited.

Book Chats

Tue., March 5 at 2 p.m.

Tue., April 2 at 2 p.m.

Tue., May 7 at 2 p.m.

60 min.

No registration

Come to Miller Park to exchange titles and share reading recommendations with other book lovers in this one-hour social literary group.

Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621

Scavenger Hunts

March, April & May

Youth Department

All ages

No registration

Visit the Youth Department for a new scavenger hunt theme each month.

Tummy Time for Infants and Caregivers

Fridays, March 1–May 31 at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Department; 45 min.

No registration

Engage with baby in a relaxing way to promote tummy time. Optimize strength, development, and feeding patterns. Led by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and Physical Therapist.

Maker Art Cart

Sundays, March 3–May 19; 1–4:30 p.m.

Youth Department

All ages

No registration

Visit the Tremont Road Branch on Sundays to create a craft from the Maker Art Cart. Kids and adults can use their imaginations (and fine motor skills!) to create art to take home.

Drop-In Make It and Take It Tuesdays

Tuesdays, March 5–May 21

Youth Department

Kids

No registration

Tap into your artistic expression! Stop by the Youth Department to complete an art activity perfect for kids. Make it here; take it home when you're done.



Build It Day

Sun., March 17 from 2–4 p.m.

Youth Department

Kids

No registration

Calling all budding engineers and LEGO fans! Join us for a day of building activities with a variety of materials including Magna-Tiles, Keva Planks, cups, and more.

Sensory-Friendly Quiet Hour

Wed., March 6 at 9 a.m.

Wed., April 3 at 9 a.m.

Wed., May 1 at 9 a.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

All ages

Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Join us for a sensory-friendly morning before the general public can enter the library. Designed to meet the needs of young visitors who may feel overwhelmed by a typical visit.

Make a Butterfly

Wed., March 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Kids

No registration

Spring is around the corner! Welcome the new season by coming to the library and making a fun butterfly craft using felt. All materials provided.

Dissect an Owl Pellet

Wed., March 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 6–11

No registration

This activity offers a unique, hands-on opportunity for children to embrace their inner scientist and learn about owls and their place in the food web.

Celebrate Pi Day

Thur., March 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 6–11

No registration

Join us in celebrating Pi Day! This event will feature stations that explore the unique aspects of this wonderful number. Irrational fun will be had by all!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Living Historians:

Sally Ride and Neil Armstrong

Sat., March 23 at 2 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

All ages

No registration

Travel back in time and hear about life as an astronaut! We will have Living Historians portraying Neil Armstrong and Sally Ride. Hear them tell their stories and discover what life was like in space.

Scribble Shenanigans

Wed., March 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

All ages

No registration

Happy National Scribble Day! Come to the Youth Department to celebrate with friends and fellow artists. Create your own scribbles, color your favorite characters, and learn tips and tricks.

Spring Clean Out

Mon., April 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Kids

No registration

Help the Youth Department with Spring Cleaning! We will clean out leftover boxes, tubes, supplies, and more so that you can create a masterpiece from your imagination.

Rainbow Looms

Wed., April 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department

Kids

No registration

Join us in the Youth Department for a rainbow loom craft. Make bracelets, pot holders, and more with just a few simple supplies.

Eclipse Craft

Mon., April 8 from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Youth Department

Kids

No registration

Celebrate the total solar eclipse at the library! We'll provide supplies for a fun craft to help kids understand how the eclipse works.

Outrageous History Trivia

Sun., April 28 at 2 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

All ages

No registration

Bring the whole family for an hour of historical facts and fun. Players can win prizes and learn about all things weird and wild throughout history.

Drop-In Tech Play

Fri., May 3 from 3-5 p.m.

Youth Department

Kids

No registration

Code a pair of robots for a race, create a circuit that powers a small fan, and more. Most of the tech is designed for ages 8+ with a few for ages 4+.

Let's Build a City!

Sat., May 4 at 11:15 a.m.

Youth Department; 45 min.

Ages 6-11

No registration

Join us for a kid-friendly event during the Small Business Fair. Junior Achievement of Central Ohio will lead an activity that teaches how personal choices can influence community.

Make a Magic Wand

Wed., May 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 6-11

No registration

Channel your inner wizard and create your own magic wand. Children will love this creative and whimsical craft. All materials provided while supplies last.

Spring Storywalk at Fancyburg

Wed., April 17 at 4 p.m.

Fancyburg Park

3375 Kioka Ave.

60 min.

No registration

Come to Fancyburg Park for a look at the new Spring StoryWalk, *When Spring Comes* by Kevin Henkes, and take home a craft! Weather permitting.



Lane Road Branch

Scavenger Hunts

March, April & May

Youth Department

All ages

No registration

Visit our Youth Department for a new scavenger hunt theme each month.

Pet Rock Fun

Thur., March 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.

Kids

No registration

The best kind of carefree pet is a pet rock! Stop in and decorate your own pet rock and even make a small house for it. For kids of all ages.

Reading to Rover

Mon., March 25 at 4 p.m.

Mon., April 22 at 4 p.m.

Mon., May 20 at 4 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.

Grades K-5

No registration

Practicing readers in grades K-5 will improve reading skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in anytime between 4-5 p.m.

Spring Crafternoon

Thur., April 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.

All ages

No registration

Children of all ages can get creative and celebrate the spring season by making some spring-themed crafts.



Drop-In Tech Play

Thur., May 2 from 3-5 p.m.

Lane Road Meeting Room

Kids

No registration

Code a pair of robots for a race, create a circuit that powers a small fan, and more. Most of the tech is designed for ages 8+ with a few for ages 4+.

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Look for a new theme each month.

BalletMet Storytime

Fri., March 1 at 10:30 a.m.

45 min.

Kids

Registration opens February 16

Young dance enthusiasts will listen to a ballet-themed story and learn movements from a **BalletMet** expert. Costumed dancers from the Academy may make a surprise visit for a demonstration and photo op.

Crafty Kids Club

Fri., March 8; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fri., April 5; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fri., May 3; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fri., May 31; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kids

No registration

Young artists with their caregivers can drop in for a themed process craft to inspire creative exploration and build artistic skills. Themes are bears in March, grasshoppers in April, donuts on May 3, and strawberries on May 31.

Storybook Adventures

with Columbus Children's Theatre for the Very Young

Sat., March 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Sat., April 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Sat., May 4 at 10:30 a.m.

45 min.

Kids

Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Very young children with their families can join experienced actors and teaching artists from **Columbus Children's Theatre** for theatrical performances of classic books and interactive drama activities.

Reading to Rover

Tue., March 12; 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Tue., April 9; 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Tue., May 14; 6:30–7:30 p.m.

60 min.

Grades K-5

No registration

Practicing readers will improve reading skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in to the Miller Park Branch anytime between 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Play and Learn

Fri., March 15; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Fri., April 12; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Fri., May 10; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ages 2-5

No registration

Enjoy fun play stations designed for toddlers and preschoolers. These skill-building activities may include games, play dough, cars, blocks, and more.

Kid Concert:

Greatest Hits with Mister E!

Fri., March 22 at 10:30 a.m.

45 min.

Ages 2-7

Registration opens March 8

Join musician **Eric Nassau** at Miller Park for an interactive program of familiar songs and original tunes, featuring the guitar, ukulele, harmonica, kazoo, and more. Come jump, dance, and sing!

Dinosaur Pretend Play

March 26–28; 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Kids

No registration

ROAR! Stop in for all things dinosaurs, including dramatic play, toys, crafts, games, and more.



Fairy House Building

Sat., April 20 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

60 min. sessions

Families with kids ages 3+

Registration opens April 6

Families will build a house fit for fairies outside in Miller Park, weather permitting. Materials will be provided and houses will be left in the woods.

Book Buddies: Little Buddies

Tue., March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., May 28 at 6:30 p.m.

60 min.

Grades 1-4

Registration opens 4 or 5 weeks prior

Elementary students will practice reading and play games with a local teen. Build literacy skills in a fun, low-pressure environment.

Erica Carlson and Friends

Fri., April 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Fri., May 24 at 10:30 a.m.

40 min.

Kids

Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Young animal lovers will love the magical stories and fun from **Erica Carlson**. Live animal appearances may include Sedgie the Hedgie and/or Picasso the Turtle. Musician **Mark Reinhart** joins in May. We'll be outdoors if the weather cooperates, but please register in case we need to move inside and limit attendance.

Owls with Ohio Nature Education

Fri., April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

60 min.

Kids

Registration opens April 12

Owl enthusiasts, young and old, can

join an expert from **Ohio Nature Education** to explore the fascinating world of owls in this fun educational program. Live birds will be on-site.

Drop-In Tech Play

Wed., May 1 from 3–5 p.m.

Kids

No registration

Code a pair of robots for a race, create a circuit that powers a small fan, and more. Most of the tech is designed for ages 8+ with a few for ages 4+.

School Bus Visit

Fri., May 17 at 10:30 a.m.

30 min.

Kids

No registration

Young children with their caregivers can see a school bus up close when an Upper Arlington Schools bus visits the Miller Park Branch.

End of School Beach Bash

Thurs., May 23 from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Kids

No registration

Splash into summer and wave goodbye to school with an ocean-themed party. Swim on through for some seafaring games, crafts and more for children of all ages. It's sure to be a whale-y good time!

Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621



Zine Workshop

Sat., March 9 at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open

Ever wanted to self-publish or create your own magazine? Then zine creation may be for you! Zines are self-published, DIY, small-run publications about any weird, niche subject you want! Join **Ty Williams** to learn a little about the history of zines, then try your hand at making your own. Great for adults and teens.

Make a Candle with Studio 614

Mon., May 6 at 6 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 90 min.
Ages 12+
Registration opens April 22

Come learn about candle-making! Instructors from **Studio 614** will teach tweens and teens how to make scented candles, perfect for yourself or to give as a gift.

Lane Road Branch | 1945 Lane Road (614) 459-0273

Spring Craft Night: Paper Making

Thur., March 28 at 6 p.m.
Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.
Registration now open

Express your creativity with an evening of crafting. We'll make paper from recycled materials and decorate it with elements of Spring. All supplies are provided. Open to teens and adults.

Arts & Crafts Supply Swap

Sat., April 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun., April 21 from 1-3 p.m.
Lane Road Meeting Room
No registration

Bring in your craft gear that's gathering dust and trade it for supplies that will spark inspiration. Drop off supplies at the Lane Road Branch anytime during open hours from April 13-19 and receive a ticket for the swap. This ticket will get you priority access to the swap between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday. The swap will be open to everyone after 12 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday. Open to teens and adults.



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Teen Service Club

Mon., March 11 at 2:30 p.m.
Thur., April 11 at 6 p.m.
Sun., May 5 at 2:30 p.m.
60 min.
Grades 6-12
Registration opens two weeks prior

Teen volunteers will help with library projects and earn an hour of service credit.

Book Buddies: Big Buddies

Tue., March 26 at 6 p.m.
Tue., April 23 at 6 p.m.
Tue., May 28 at 6 p.m.
90 min.
Grades 6-12
Registration opens 4 or 5 weeks prior

Teens will earn service credit by coaching an elementary school "buddy" in reading and playing games, helping them to grow confident and excited about reading.

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Storytimes

**TREMONT ROAD
BRANCH**

Mar 18-Apr 25

Babytime

(0-24 months)

Mon @ 10:30

Twos & Threes

(2-3 years)

Tue @ 10:30

Wed @ 10:30

Preschool

(3-5 years)

Thur @ 10:30

Stories & More

(all ages, begins Mar 2)

Sat @ 10:30

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BRANCH**

**No storytimes
this spring.**

**Please join us
at our other
branches.**



**MILLER PARK
BRANCH**

Mar 18-Apr 24

Babytime

(0-24 months)

Wed @ 10:15

Twos & Threes

(2-3 years)

Mon @ 10:15