Inside:

- News & Updates.....2
- Friends of the Library.....3
- Photo Highlights.....3–4
- Grove City Youth Programs.....6–7
- Westland Youth Programs.....8–9
- Adult Programming.....10–11
- Adult Take & Make/Virtual.....12
- Color Your World.....13
- Borrower’s Guide.....14
- Library Services.....15
SPL News and Updates

A Conversation with Ta-Nehisi Coates
Sunday, February 4, 2024 | 3–4:30 pm

Mark your calendars! Southwest Public Libraries has partnered with ten other Central Ohio libraries to welcome author Ta-Nehisi Coates to Columbus on February 4, 2024.

VENUE: Upper Arlington High School Performing Arts Center
1625 Zollinger Road, Upper Arlington, OH 43221

Books will be available for purchase at the event and online through Gramercy Books.

Ta-Nehisi Coates, a National Book Award-winning writer and former national correspondent for “The Atlantic,” will discuss his literary career, which includes the publication of Between the World and Me as well as The Water Dancer, The Beautiful Struggle, We Were Eight Years in Power, plus many entries in Marvel’s Black Panther and Captain America comics series. Photo credit: Nina Subin

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our centennial in 2023! We had a fantastic year commemorating 100 years serving our community as a public library with special author visits, programs, celebrations, and more. Check out photos from our grand Centennial Celebration held November 4, 2023, on pg. 3.

Special thanks also to the City of Grove City for a citywide Labor Day & Centennial Celebration marking SPL and Beulah Park Racetrack’s 100th Anniversaries. Festivities included an impressive laser drone show! Photos via YouTube Tommy’s Pizza

Our Discovery Pass program is growing! We’ve added Columbus Museum of Art as a partner, and you can now check out Member for a Day passes that grant free admission for up to eight guests for a day.

Currently, SPL offers Discovery Passes for:
~ Columbus Museum of Art
~ Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens
~ National Veterans Memorial and Museum

We are continuing to add partners; keep watch for more.

Discovery Passes are limited, and checkouts are first come, first served. They may only be checked out at an SPL location with an SPL card at the Customer Service Desk. Passes cannot be reserved. Visit swpl.org or call for more information.

Coming soon!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We’re thrilled we will soon be launching 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K) at SPL in 2024. 1KB4K is a nationwide early literacy challenge created by the 1000 Books Foundation, a non-profit public charity providing a fun and innovative approach to forming strong early literacy skills.

The challenge is simple: Read a book (any book) to your infant or toddler, with a goal of reading 1000 books (repeats allowed) before your child starts kindergarten.

Seem daunting? Keep in mind even Reading just 1 book a night means 1095 books in 3 years!

You can find log sheets, milestone markers, and more at 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org, plus, once we officially launch the program at SPL, we’ll have a little something special to help your child celebrate the completion of the challenge.

Stay tuned for more info.
Honey Baked Ham Gift Card Fundraiser

Between now and December 31, 2023, use the Friends special link at friendsofswpl.org (or visit honeybaked.com/fundraising/Friends_of_SPL) to purchase your Honey Baked Ham Co. gift cards, and Honey Baked Ham will donate 20% of the proceeds to the FOL.

Gift cards must be purchased by December 31 to participate in the fundraiser but can be used at any date. Get ready for holiday meals or holiday gift giving!

Throughout the month of September, the Friends invited library visitors to illustrate or decorate a paper quilt square to be included in a Centennial Paper Quilt, “What My Library Means to Me,” celebrating SPL’s centennial. Over 80 entries were received, and Friends of SPL volunteers created two quilts that were displayed first at Westland and then at Grove city during the months of October and November.

Book Sale Success

The Friends of SPL hosted our annual Big Book Sale at Grove City Library on September 21, 2023. Shoppers could purchase a special Friends tote bag and fill it with gently used books—many generously donated by members of the community—for just $10. Over 300 tote bags were purchased, raising $3,640 for SPL. 100% of the proceeds from the sale benefit Grove City and Westland Area Libraries.

The Friends of SPL Board wish to express our gratitude to all of the community members who donated materials and to our many dedicated volunteers who helped make the Big Book Sale possible. Leading up to the sale, volunteers processed thousands of donated books and spread the word. During the sale, volunteers sorted books, stocked tables, greeted patrons, answered questions, and cleaned up afterwards. Thank you Book Sale Shining Stars!

How you can support the Friends

The Friends of SPL support library services that enrich residents of our community. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on donations from people like you to keep our organization thriving. There are many ways you can support the Friends of SPL, including:

**BECOME A MEMBER.**

We have various annual membership levels ranging from just $7 to $100. You can become a member and give online at friendsofswpl.org/give.

**GIVE YOUR TIME.**

Volunteer to help in the areas of book donation processing, special events, fundraising, membership, hospitality, and publicity. Interested in volunteering? Visit friendsofswpl.org/volunteer.

**DONATE GENTLY USED BOOKS.**

Donate gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines to the Friends of SPL Book Shops. (Please no dirty, stained, moldy, torn, or yellowed items. No encyclopedia sets, textbooks, pamphlets, brochures, catalogs, or dictionaries.)
Grove City Library and Westland Area Library hosted a Centennial Celebration on November 4, 2023, celebrating 100 years of SPL as a public library. We honored those past and present who have contributed to the legacy of SPL and also enjoyed refreshments, live music, balloon art, face painting, a visit from Elephant and Piggie, a 1920s photo station, historical displays, and more.

(Left photo 2 from top): SPL director Meredith Wickham honors staff past and present. (Left photo 4 from top): members of the Women’s Civic Club of Grove City with a presented Certificate of Appreciation in recognition and gratitude for establishing the first free Public Reading Room in Grove City in 1917—the precursor to SPL—and for their many years of support and service to the community.
Left (top to bottom): Exploring bugs and more with the Bugman; Clue in the Library after hours adult program; Newport Aquarium penguin program; staff with author Margaret Peterson Haddix during her author talk and book signing.

Middle (top to bottom): Storytime in the Park; Erica Carlson Magic Show with Sedgie the Hedgie; visits with therapy dog Bo.

Right (top to bottom): exploring science by making a cloud; one of our favorite library valentines from a patron; Chalk Art with CC the Sketchy Artist; Summer Reading sunglasses fun.
Festive Fun

NUTCRACKER STORYWALK
Friday–Sunday 12/1–12/3 | All ages
Take a walk around the library and experience the story of Mary Engelbreit’s Nutcracker. Begin your journey at the Grant Street Nutcracker, follow the signs, and then stop in the youth services department for a sweet treat!

Don't forget about the Grove City Nutcracker Hunt hosted by Grove City Parks & Recreation, Dec 1–Jan 5. Pick up a Nutcracker Hunt entry sheet (available at the library and other participating locations) and search for nutcrackers throughout Town Center, marking each location. Drop off your completed hunt sheet at the library or other select locations by Jan 2 for a prize. Visit grovecityohio.gov for more information.

GINGERBREAD MAN
Saturday 12/2 | 2p | All ages
Run, run as fast as you can to this fun drop-in program about the Gingerbread Man! Enjoy crafts, a sensory kitchen, and a hunt to find the runaway Gingerbread Man. Fun for all ages.

Weekend Wonders
Every weekend | All ages
Bring your imagination to the library and see what wonders you can create using our craft supplies. Craft books are always available to provide inspiration.

Winter Break Fun
December 26–29 & January 2–7 | All ages
Chase away the winter blahs. Join us for fun activities each day as we extend the holiday season.

Art & Literature (Jan & Feb)
Biweekly. Tuesdays on 1/16 • 1/30 • 2/13 • 2/27 | 6p | Gr. K–2
Enjoy a short story and learn simple art techniques while making a fun project. Every other Tuesday at 6 pm beginning January 16 and running through February 27. Suited for grades K–2.
Grove City Youth Programming

Questions? Please call Grove City Youth Services at 614-875-6716 ext. 502. Programs subject to change.

Winter Weekly Storytimes (starting week of Jan 8)
New storytime schedules! Join us for weekly winter storytimes. No registration required.

**Nature Baby Storytime (Ages 4 mo.–24 mo.)**
Monday evenings at 6:30p (in Large Meeting Room)
Tuesday mornings at 10:30a (in Youth Services)
Open up the world of the library to your babies and the fun that words can be with fingerplays, books, and lots of music.

**Alphabet Adventure Storytime (Ages 2–6)**
Monday mornings at 10:30a (in Large Meeting Room)
Wednesday evenings at 6:30p (in Youth Services)
Come read, sing, and learn with us. Especially designed for families, we will read books, sing songs, dance, and have loads of fun all while learning important pre-reading skills.

**Books With Bo (Jan & Feb)**
Thursdays 1/18 • 2/15 | 6p | All ages
Enjoy time with our favorite fluffy therapy dog, Bo! Bo and his trainer, Pat, will spend time in the Youth Services Department to answer questions and accept pets and snuggles. Bo also loves to be read to!

Officially, Bo is a Great Pyrenees. Unofficially, he is our favorite live marshmallow.

**LEGO Club (Jan & Feb)**
Saturdays 1/13 • 2/3 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Come build your way through LEGO challenges or just free play with friends old and new!

FOR TEENS (Grades 6 and up)

**Tasty Thursdays (Jan & Feb)**
2nd Thursday of the month on 1/11 • 2/8 | 6p
Enjoy a treat that you create yourself. Each month, we’ll play with our food and create some amazing concoctions. Join us for the fun! Registration required. Stop by or call the Youth Services department at 614-875-6716 ext. 146 to sign up.

**Anime Club (Jan & Feb)**
4th Thursday of the month on 1/25 • 2/22 | 6p
Calling tweens and teens to Anime Club! We will be watching shows and checking out manga from the popular to the obscure. Chat, socialize, and eat themed snacks with us like Pocky, mochi, and more. Please be aware some of the shows that we will be watching are rated PG-13/TV14.

Lincoln Logs make us happy too! Smiling faces during our Centennial Celebration at Grove City Library on Nov 4, 2023.
Weekly Fun (Dec–Feb)

**MAKER MONDAYS—Mondays (weekly)**
4–7p drop-in | Youth all ages
Bring your imagination to the library and see what creations you can make with the supplies on our craft cart. Drop in on Mondays anytime between 4 and 7 pm.

**KIDS TAKE & MAKE—Fridays (weekly)**
Youth all ages
Pick up a Take & Make kit every Friday at Westland Area Library with supplies and instructions to enjoy a craft or activity at home. While supplies last.

**VISIT WITH SANTA**
Monday 12/11 | 6p | All ages
That jolly old man from the North Pole will be visiting the library. Bring your camera and take your own pictures, pick a treat, and make some crafts.

**COOKIES & CANVAS FOR TWEENS** (monthly)
Wednesdays 12/6 • 1/10 • 2/14 | 6p | Gr. 4–8
*Registration required*
Bring out your inner artist! Enjoy some cookies while creating a masterpiece to take home. For artists grades 4–8 only please. All materials provided. Space limited; registration required. Stop by or call 614-878-1301 ext. 602 to sign up.

Dec 6—Ornament
Jan 10—Snowman
Feb 14—Hearts

**STEM NIGHT** (monthly)
2nd Tuesday on 12/12 • 1/9 • 2/13 | 6p | Ages 5 & up
Come have fun with us exploring concepts in science, technology, engineering, and math.

**WHS MAGIC KEY STORY HOUR** (monthly)
Saturdays 12/16 • 1/13 • 2/10 | 2p | All ages
Come and join Westland High School Key Club students for stories, crafts and activities. This program is geared toward families with children of all ages.

**GET CRAFTY** (monthly)
3rd Tuesday on 12/19 • 1/16 • 2/20 | 6p | Gr. 4 & up
*Registration required*
Come get crafty with us! Each month we’ll learn a new crafty skill and create fun projects. All materials provided. Space limited; registration required. Stop by or call 614-878-1301 to sign up.

Dec 19—Christmas Ornaments
Jan 16—Glitter Snowflakes
Feb 20—Snowmen Luminaries

**MATINEE AT THE LIBRARY** (monthly)
2nd Saturday on 12/9 • 1/13 • 2/10 | 12p
Drop in, relax, and enjoy an early afternoon movie. Popcorn and drinks provided.

**Urban Roots with OSU Agriculture (six week program starting 1/11)**
Thursdays 1/11 through 2/15 | 6p | Gr. 7 & 8
Join us for this special six week program for middle schoolers in 7th & 8th grades presented by OSU Extension and partners. The program will introduce youth to agricultural careers and agricultural education and help them identify possible career tracks in these fields as well as help develop other skills such as soft skills and arithmetic.
Questions? Please call Westland Youth Services at 614-878-1301 ext. 602. Programs subject to change.

COLUMBUS SYMPHONY INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO
Wednesday 1/24 | 10:30a | All ages
Do your little ones love music? Come and check out the Columbus Symphony orchestra Instrument Petting Zoo. Learn about the instruments and the music they make.

Weekly programs starting in January

TOT TIME TUESDAYS
TUESDAYS STARTING JAN 9—10:30a | Ages birth–36 mo.
This storytime is filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and more to get toddlers singing and moving! We will share stories best suited for children up to 36 months old and begin covering early learning concepts like counting and colors through fun fingerplays and rhymes.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORYTIME
WEDNESDAYS STARTING JAN 10—10:30a | FAMILY
Join us Wednesday mornings in Youth Services for stories, songs, and rhymes that promote early learning and are fun for the whole family! (No Music & Movement on 1/24; join us for Instrument Petting Zoo with the Columbus Symphony at 10:30 am instead!)

SENSORY EXPLORATION
THURSDAYS STARTING JAN 11—10:30a | AGES 1–5
Join us for Sensory Exploration. This drop-in program allows children to explore sensory bins, balls, and more according to their own interest and speed. (No Sensory Exploration on 2/29.)

DEPUTY COOPER WITH K9 Indy
THURSDAY 2/29 | 10:30a | All ages
Meet Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Cooper and his K9 companion Indy. Deputy Cooper and Indy will demonstrate how they work together to catch the bad guys.

JUST FOR TEENS
 Ages 13 & up

TEEN TAKE & MAKE KITS (monthly)
1st Saturday on 12/2 • 1/6 • 2/3 | Ages 13 & up
Pick up a TEEN Take & Make kit on the first Saturday of each month at Westland Area Library with supplies and instructions to enjoy a craft or activity at home. Proud of your creation? Show us! Send a photo or tag us on social media.

TEEN BOOK IN A JAR CONTEST
January 2–31 | Ages 13 & up
Guess the title and author of the book inside the jar. You may turn or shake the jar, but you may NOT open the jar! Win 1 of 10 goodie bags by guessing the correct answer.

Prairie Township Firefighters joined us at Westland on Oct 18, 2023, and taught us about fire safety and let us explore firefighter equipment. They even gave us a demonstration of the 75 ft. ladder going up!
**Folded & Decorated Holiday Book Tree** • Tue 12/5 • 6p
Create a festive holiday “scene” with an old book, some folding, and a few decorations. Photo: via Pinterest

**Elf Watch Party** • Sat 12/9 • 2:30p
Come spend an afternoon enjoying a seasonal movie, Elf, with your community. Snacks provided. Families welcome.

**Popsicle Ornaments** • Sat 12/9 • 1–3p
Make a variety of holiday ornaments—trees, snow people, Santas—using popsicle sticks and other glittery goodies! Family Fun Time; all ages welcome to this event.

**Holiday Book Exchange**
Wed 12/20 • 6p
Enjoy an evening with your fellow book-lovers and library patrons with some festive music, warm drinks, and gifts! Get into the spirit of the holidays by giving a book of your choice to someone else—and get a surprise read in return! Who doesn’t love to share a favorite story with others? Registration required. [Ages 18+]

**Glitter Snow Globes**
Thu 12/21 • 6p
Get in the holiday spirit by making a festive snow globe!

**New Year, New Reads** • Wed 1/10 • 1p
New goal to read more or expand the kinds of books you read? Come discover reading challenges to try and find out what the latest books are.

**New Year Vision Boarding**
Wed 1/17 • 6p
Create a collage that represents your dreams and goals for your upcoming year.

**Love You to Pieces Wreath** • Thu 1/25 • 6p
Craft an easy-to-make heart wreath from puzzle pieces. It’s perfect for Valentine’s Day. Photo: via thesoccermomblog.com

**Lost Watch Party**
1/6 • 1/20 • 2/3 • 2/17 • 2:30–4:30p
Experience the mystery of Lost the way it was meant to be: in community over a span of weeks. Whether you missed out when this landmark show first released or want to relive the experience, this bi-monthly Watch Party is for you! We’ll be screening two episodes every other week. Families welcome. Rated TV-14.

**Ohio and the Underground Railroad** • Thu 2/15 • 10a
Find out about the Ohio Historic Underground Railroad Trail, some of the sites that are included, and the importance of the Hanby House with guest speaker Beth Weinhardt from the Westerville Historical Society.

**Wrapped Yarn Wreath**
Wed 2/21 • 6p
We’ll use yarn and fabric scraps to create a unique wreath to decorate your home or office. Photo: via Pinterest

**Citrus Bath Bombs**
Thu 2/22 • 6p
Make your own citrus bath bombs for a relaxing spa-like experience. Photo: via mamainstincts.com

**Page Turners Book Club**
4th Tue
No Dec Mtg No meeting. Holiday break.
Jan 23 @ 6p: Wintering by Katherine May
Feb 27 @ 6p: Memoirs of Stockholm Sven by Nathaniel Ian Miller

**Puzzle Exchange/Donation Day** • Sat 1/20 • 10a–12p
Looking for some new jigsaw puzzles to occupy your leisure hours? Bring in your gently used puzzles and then browse through other donations to take home some new challenges. We will also accept jigsaw puzzle DONATIONS today. [Puzzles for ages 12+ please.]
JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE (weekly) every Wednesday | 4–6p  
Career consultant Tim McNish will help with individual resume advice and answer your job search questions in a 30-min. session. Call Tim at 614-559-0207 to get scheduled. In partnership with Jewish Family Services. All are welcome!

DIY DRINKING GLASSES • Sat 12/9 • 3p  
Register and come design your own DIY drinking glass using oil-based paint markers. Stop by or call 614-878-1301 to sign up.

FUN with FIBERS • Tue 12/12 • 6p  
Relax and ease holiday stress with some fiber crafts: crochet, knitting, and embroidery. Bring your current work in progress or use some of our provided supplies.

DECEMBER

CARD MAKING STATION through 12/16  
Relax and make holiday cards for residents of local nursing homes. We provide all the materials, you provide the creativity and cheer!

GREETING CARDS • Sat 12/2 • 2p  
Needing that special card for an occasion and just can’t find it at the store? Make it yourself! Join us and local crafts expert Louise Winters Lloyd as she shows us everything we need to know about crafting our own unique greeting cards. Supplies provided. No registration required.

FUN with VERY SMALL BEADS (Dec)  
Mon 12/4 • 6p  
Register and learn to manipulate wire or thread with tiny strung beads to create different effects and patterns in making jewelry or ornaments. Stop by or call 614-878-1301 to sign up.  
Dec 4: Lucky Christmas Spider

There is a European folk tale, possibly from the Ukraine or Germany, in which a widowed mother is too poor to decorate her Christmas tree, so friendly spiders spin elaborate webs on the evergreen. When the mother and her family wake on Christmas morning, they open the curtains, and sunlight hits the webs, turning them silver and gold. This tale is sometimes said to be the origin of tinsel. Join us as we make a colorful beaded version of a friendly Christmas spider.

JANUARY

LEAVE a BOOK rec (January)  
Have a book you just have to tell someone about? Leave it on our book recommendation poster! Write down the title and author and why you loved it, and it will be placed on a poster for others to see.

FUN with VERY SMALL BEADS (Jan)  
Mon 1/8 • 6p  
Register and learn to manipulate wire or thread with tiny strung beads to create different effects and patterns in making jewelry or ornaments. Stop by or call 614-878-1301 to sign up.  
Jan 8: Pearl Bracelet

WINTER SUNCATCHER • Sat 1/20 • 3p  
Make some winter themed sun catchers to cheer up the dreary weather. No registration required.

FEBRUARY

BOOK vs. MOVIE (February)  
Which do you prefer, the book or the movie? Drop by the reading area to cast your vote! Winners posted at end of month.

ART JAM • Sat 2/10 • 3p  
*Families welcome*

ADULT ESL CLASSES (DECEMBER–FEBRUARY)  
Practice your listening and speaking skills in this free class for adult students of English as a Second Language (ESOL). Led by instructors from the Columbus Literacy Council. Please contact library staff for more details. Registration is required. Sign up with the Columbus Literacy Council by phone at 614-282-7661 or by email at learn@columbusliteracy.org.

NEW! BOARD GAME EXTRAVAGANZA (Saturdays)  
Love board games but don’t get a chance to play them often? Stop by anytime on Saturdays to enjoy a variety of board games.

NEW! CROCHET & COCOA (Monthly) Saturdays 12/2 • 1/13 • 2/10 | 11a  
Bring your own yarn project to work on, or come learn the basics of crochet, while socializing and sipping a warm beverage.

MOVIE NIGHT (Monthly)  
3rd Thursday 12/21 • 1/18 • 2/15 | 5:30p  
Enjoy fresh popcorn and our latest series of movies featuring dogs.  
Dec 21: The Champions  
Jan 18: One Nation Under Dog  
Feb 15: The Art of Racing in the Rain

RETRO VIDEO GAME NIGHT (Monthly)  
3rd Thursday 12/21 • 1/18 • 2/15 | 6–7:30p  
Come play the best video games of decades past.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION 2nd Thu  
Dec 14 @ 6p: One Day in December by Josie Silver  
Jan 11 @ 6p: Woman of Light by Kali Fajardo-Anstine  
Feb 8 @ 6p: A History of Wild Places by Shea Ernshaw

FREE LEGAL ADVICE with Legal Aid Society of Columbus (Monthly) 3rd Tuesday 12/19 • 1/16 • 2/20 | 4–6p  
Walk-in program offered monthly (third Tuesday, 4–6 p.m.) at Westland. Get free advice from the Legal Aid Society of Columbus regarding civil issues such as tenant-landlord issues, public benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and other non-criminal issues.
**Adult Take & Make**  
Grab a kit to enjoy at home! Offered on indicated dates at both locations while supplies last.

- **DIY Snowman**  
  Sat 12/2  
  Celebrate the winter holidays by making a snowman ornament! Kit includes ornament, paint, paintbrush, and example.

- **Snowflake Suncatcher**  
  Sat 12/9  
  Brighten long winter days with this kit to create a snowflake suncatcher that can be hung on windows for display or enjoyed as a stand-alone decoration.

- **Tassel Paperclip Bookmarks**  
  Sat 12/16  
  Take home a kit to make these easy and fun bookmarks with just a paperclip and embroidery floss. Photo: cassiescroggins.com

- **Folded Ornament Decoration**  
  Fri 12/22  
  Grab a kit to fold some holiday-themed paper into decorative shapes to hang on trees or mantels or doorways. Photo: via Pinterest

- **Creative Writing**  
  Sat 1/6  
  Don’t know how to spend your time cooped up in your house? Try writing a story! Grab a bag full of pictures and prompts to help you get started. Photo: via Pinterest

- **Winter Luminaries**  
  Fri 1/12  
  Come to the library and pick up a kit to make some beautiful luminaries to light up your winter nights.

- **Winter Doodles**  
  Sat 1/13  
  De-stress with some winter doodles. Kit includes doodle prompts, pen, and pocket notebook.

- **DIY Flower Pot**  
  Sat 1/20  
  Grab a kit and find your creative side with these easy to make flower pots. Photo: somewhatsimple.com

- **Watercolor Bookmarks**  
  Sat 1/27  
  Get creative with your reading goal for the new year by painting some awesome bookmarks to get you in the reading spirit. Kit includes a watercolor paint set and 3 blank bookmarks.

- **Doodling for Anxiety**  
  Fri 2/2  
  Learn some strategies to take a break in your day by doodling and chasing away the winter blues. Pen and paper included in kit.

- **Valentine Heart Favor Box**  
  Sat 2/3  
  Take home a kit to cut and fold some decorative Valentine gift boxes, for gift-giving treats. Photo via Pinterest

- **Yarn Wrapped Hearts**  
  Sat 2/10  
  Love is in the air! These yarn hearts make for perfect Valentine’s decorations. Pick up a kit while supplies last. Photo: oliviaohern.com

- **Puzzle Paradise**  
  Sat 2/17  
  Flex your mental muscles with a take-home kit of printed puzzles. Pick up this variety pack and put your mind through a workout.

- **Flowers on a String Necklace**  
  Sat 2/24  
  Take home a kit to create a beaded wearable posy with the beads and string provided.

**Virtual Fun**  
Entertain yourself with these short and sweet activities shared via Facebook.

- **Year in Review Quiz**  
  Fri 12/29 | posted 12p  
  Happy New Year! Test your knowledge of the events of 2023 with this virtual quiz.

- **Lovestruck Quiz**  
  Fri 2/9 | posted 12p  
  She loves me, she loves me not. Or does LOVE conquer all? Test your knowledge of romantic movies with our online quiz.

- **I Have a Dream Quiz**  
  Mon 1/15 | posted 12p  
  Test your knowledge of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. as we celebrate this national holiday.

- **One Sentence Book Summary**  
  Fri 2/23 | posted 12p  
  Can you guess the name of a book based on a single sentence summary? Take this online quiz to find out!

- **Virtual Scavenger Hunt (monthly)**  
  3rd Fridays 12/15 • 1/19 • 2/16 | posted 12p  
  Follow clues online to unlock a secret message and win a prize! Prizes can be collected at the Grove City Library.

Made it? Love it? Snap a photo and tag us or hashtag #readSPL
What You Can Do with Your Card

Your new library card allows you to access a collection of more than 5 million items. With your card, you can:

- Check out and reserve materials
- Access online research databases
- Download digital materials, including eBooks, eAudio-books, music, movies, and magazines
- Use public computers

Southwest Public Libraries has partnered with 16 other library systems in the central Ohio region as part of the Central Library Consortium (CLC) to share resources and provide improved service to patrons. Most items can be returned at any CLC location.

Cardholder Responsibilities

Your SPL card will work at most CLC libraries. It is your responsibility to:

- Return items in the same condition you received them. If you notice an issue when checking out, please notify staff.
- Keep your account up-to-date with current contact and notification information (name, address, phone, email).
- Assume financial responsibility for materials borrowed.
- Pay charges for lost or damaged items borrowed. Replacement copies of identical items in excellent condition may be accepted; please see staff for conditions and details.
- Report a lost or stolen card. You are responsible for any items lost or stolen by someone using your lost or stolen card until you report your card as lost or stolen.

Borrowing Limits and Loan Periods

Borrowing limits and loan periods can vary depending on which CLC library materials are checked out. For SPL, limits and loan periods are as follows:

New Borrowers

New borrowers may check out up to 10 items for the first 30 days. After 30 days, the normal limits below apply.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Books</th>
<th>21 days</th>
<th>Print: 50 max</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Magazines</td>
<td>7 days</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DVD/Blu-Ray</td>
<td>7 days</td>
<td>Video: 10 max</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nonfiction DVD/Blu-Ray</td>
<td>14 days</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Audiobook CD</td>
<td>21 days</td>
<td>Audio: 30 max</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music CD</td>
<td>14 days</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic</td>
<td>varies by vendor</td>
<td>varies</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Reserve Limits

Active hold request limits: 50 print items, 30 audio, 10 digital, 10 total DVD/Blu-Ray, 2 video games.

Renewals and Overdue Items

Please return your items on time. Renewal limits vary depending on the library that owns the material (i.e. the “assigned branch”) as well as material type.

Renewals

SPL-owned items may be renewed up to 10 times. Items will automatically renew 1 day before they are due only if there are no requests for the title, and the item has not reached its renewal limit. Please check your account regularly to make sure items renewed and are not overdue.

You can check on the status of your items or renew items manually on the library’s website swpl.org or by phone.

Overdue Items

You will receive notifications about overdue items:

- 1 day prior: materials due
- 3 days after: 1st overdue notice
- 10 days after: 2nd overdue notice
- 3 weeks after: account blocked
- 5 weeks after: items charged
- 7 weeks after: fees over $25 sent to materials recovery agency

Please Remember

- Your PIN number is the last four digits of your phone number unless you specified otherwise.
- To check out items, you must have your card number and PIN or a photo ID.
- Visit www.swpl.org to access your account, browse the catalog, access digital resources, or view upcoming events.

Charges and Fees

Items owned by Southwest Public Libraries do not accrue daily overdue fines; however, overdue fees may be charged on items owned by other libraries or checked out at other libraries depending on their policy.

You may also have charges on your account for:

Replacement Cost Long Overdue:
Items not returned within 35 days of the due date will be charged a replacement cost. Charges will be removed and the account unblocked once the items are returned.

Replacement Cost Damage:
Items damaged will be charged a replacement cost. Accounts with replacement costs will be blocked until charges are resolved.

Materials Recovery Agency Fee:
Accounts with replacement charges over $25 will be sent to a materials recovery agency 7 weeks past the due date, and a $12 agency fee will be charged to the account. Replacement charges will be removed if the item is returned; however, the $12 agency fee is nonrefundable.

Interlibrary Loan/INNReach Overdue:
Materials borrowed through Interlibrary Loan or INNReach (i.e. borrowed from outside the CLC consortium) are charged overdue fines of $1/day or $0.50/day respectively.

Borrower’s Guide Welcome to the Library!
**Library Services**

**Library Hours**

**Mon–Thu:** 9A–8P | **Fri:** 9A–6P | **Sat:** 9A–5P | **Sun:** 1P–5P

**Grove City Library:** 614-875-6716
3959 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123

**Westland Area Library:** 614-878-1301
4740 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43228

**Outreach:** 614-875-6716 ext. 159
For patrons who are homebound and have limited access to services

**Online Resources**

You can access these online resources with your library card number and PIN. Visit www.swpl.org and click on Resources. Please contact the Information Department if you need assistance.

**Ancestry.com (In-library use ONLY)**
Billions of records in census data, vital records, photos, and more

**AtoZ Databases**
The Premier Job Search, Reference & Mailing List Database, including 30 million business & executive profiles and 240 million residents

**Chilton Library**
Access repair and maintenance information on the most popular cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs on the road today

**EBSCOhost**
Access articles from more than 6,000 magazines and newspapers, ranging from children’s magazines to professional research journals

**From Attics to Archives**
Digital photo archive at SPL which documents the history and daily lives of the people of southwest Franklin County, Ohio

**LinkedIn Learning**
Offers more than 6,600 courses across a wide range, including instruction on various computer software programs, business topics, and professional development

**NewsBank**
Access to digital newspapers including *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Novelist Plus & Novelist K-8 Plus**
An online readers' advisory resource for fiction and nonfiction. *Novelist Plus* answers the question: What should I read next?

**NuWav**
Download and create accurate, reliable legal documents

**Ohio Web Library**
Evolving collection of online magazines, trade publications, scholarly research journals, newspapers, encyclopedias, dictionaries, speeches, poems, plays, maps, satellite images of Ohio, and more

**Transparent Language Online**
Language learning database with lessons in over 100 languages

**Visit the Library For**

- **Local History**
  - Digital photo archive, genealogy records (limited), history records, yearbooks (limited)

- **Notary**
  - Call to check availability

- **Registrations**
  - Golden Buckeye Card, Voter Registration

- **Study and meeting space**
  - Reserve Meeting Rooms and Quiet Study Rooms online or in-person

- **Technology**
  - Public computers and Wi-Fi, copiers and printers (B & W and color), fax machine, scanners

**Access Your Account Online**

You can view the items you have out and due dates, renew and reserve items, pay fees, and change your account info online at www.swpl.org > My Account. You will be asked to enter your card number and PIN.

**Change contact information or notification method**
Follow above steps. Click ‘Contact Information and Preferences.’

**Keep a reading history**
Follow above steps. Click ‘Contact Information and Preferences.’ Under Preferences, check mark box ‘Maintain reading history.’ *(Please be aware SPL protects your privacy but may be obligated to share title lists and borrowing history with law enforcement under certain circumstances.)*

**Change PIN**
Follow above steps. Click ‘Change log on.’ *(Must know old PIN to change PIN online; if unknown, bring photo ID and see staff for assistance.)*

**Digital Library 24/7—eBooks and More**

*Access online at www.swpl.org or download the Hoopla and Libby apps. Need assistance? Contact our Information Department.*

**Hoopla**
Features a large selection of digital video, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics, and more. BingePass The Great Courses, Curiosity Stream, and more. Content available to stream or download instantly with no wait.

**Libby**
Access to over 130,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks plus instant access to over 3000 magazine titles.

**TeenBookCloud**
Online, no-wait collection of eBooks and educator resources perfect for middle school or high school students and teachers.

**TumbleBookLibrary**
Online, no-wait collection of children’s eBooks and more, including animated, talking picture books; musical books; read-along chapter books; National Geographic videos; books in Spanish and French.

---

**Find us at www.swpl.org, Facebook, or Instagram**

---

Rev. 4/22
Library events may be photographed/filmed for promotion in library publications and online. Attendance automatically confers consent for your likeness to be used. Please notify staff if you do not wish for you or your child to be photographed.