SPRING—“IT IS THE SUN SHINING ON THE RAIN AND THE RAIN FALLING ON THE SUNSHINE, AND THINGS PUSHING UP AND WORKING UNDER THE EARTH.” —Frances Hodgson Burnett, The Secret Garden

Here at SPL, we’re ready for Spring and all that it brings—the sun shining on the rain, the rain falling on the sunshine, and a fresh, new slate of programming. Check it all out and join us!

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ICYMI...Solar Eclipse Incoming
Find details about our limited giveaway of eclipse glasses April 1–8, or while supplies last, on pg. 12 and info about our Eclipse Program for kids (April 6) on pgs. 7 & 9.

Get Ready for Adventure — SRC 2024, June 1–July 28
Summer Reading Challenge is heading our way, June 1–July 28, featuring tailored challenges for all ages, kids and adults. You’ll be able to enjoy special programs and performers and be able to track your reading to earn cool prizes, all for free! Mark your calendars to join us and stay tuned for more details.

Thank you to everyone who submitted entries for our Centennial Anthology Writing & Art Contest, celebrating 100 years of Southwest Public Libraries. We received over 250 incredible entries!

It has been an incredible experience reading and seeing what our community and library mean to you and preserving history for future generations.

Judging is currently in progress, and authors and artists will be notified later this spring whether their work has been selected for publication or selected as a contest winner. Judging and publishing is a rewarding but detailed endeavor. Thank you for your patience as we work through the process!

Stay updated and watch for details about a celebration later this year to recognize winners and all whose work was chosen for publication at swpl.org. A free copy of the anthology will be distributed at this event to all whose work was published.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors Friends of Southwest Public Libraries and the Women’s Civic Club of Grove City for making this contest possible.

Inspired

We had an inspiring time, and nearly full house, with author and journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates at our A Conversation with Ta-Nehisi Coates event on February 4, presented in partnership with eleven other Central Ohio Libraries.

Over 1300 of you joined us for the event, moderated by Sophia Fifner, president and CEO of the Columbus Metropolitan Club. Thank you to all who attended! We look forward to our next collaborative author event.

Community Giving

Each year, Westland Area Library hosts a Warm Up Westland Giveaway, featuring free handmade hats and scarves crocheted and knitted by members of the local community. Those in need can simply take a hat or scarf when visiting the library.

Our most recent giveaway was a success once again. Want to contribute to our next giveaway? Check with staff for details, and let those knitting needles and crochet hooks fly!
Harper Scholarship Presentation

The Friends of SPL are proud to support the library in many ways, from fundraising and community awareness on the behalf of the library, to direct support of library staff. One such direct initiative—a Friends’ favorite—is the Harper Scholarship, a scholarship awarded annually to staff members of Southwest Public Libraries who are pursuing an advanced degree in a library-related field. The $500 scholarship was established by Friends President Emeritus Laura Harper in memory of her late husband John, whose aunt, Irene Harper, is recognized as SPL’s first librarian.

On December 12, 2023, at the SPL Board of Trustees meeting, the Friends of SPL presented the Harper Scholarship to Grove City Library Information Assistants, Chloe D. and Ella H., both of whom are currently working on their Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degrees while also working full time. Chloe is enrolled online through the University of Alabama while Ella is enrolled in an online program through Louisiana State University. Congratulations and best of luck, Chloe and Ella!

Pictured (right): Presentation of the Harper scholarship with Friends President Carol Rorick, Information Assistants Chloe D. and Ella H., and Friends Board Trustee Bill Diehl.

Sweet Treats

Martha Gamble, tireless Friends Hospitality committee member, delivered holiday wishes and treats to both Grove City and Westland staff lounges during the holiday season.

The Friends thank Martha Gamble for her extraordinary efforts over the years in helping the Friends recognize and thank the dedicated staff of Southwest Public Libraries through various events and special treats.

Martha is pictured here with SPL team members Emma and Chloe.

Join or Help the Friends!

Join or find more info at how you can help at friendsofswpl.org.

BECOME A MEMBER
Annual Friends memberships start at just $7.

GIVE YOUR TIME
Volunteer to help with book donation processing, special events, fundraising, membership, and publicity.

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. Thank you!)

BUY FROM THE BOOK SHOP
Shop used books and AV material anytime at both Grove City and Westland.

Grab a bargain!

Shop used books and audiovisual materials anytime at both Grove City and Westland at bargain prices. All materials are just $0.50 to $1!
Our Staff Recommend

Try a STAFF PICK

**Happy Place**
*by Emily Henry (adult fiction)*
Mix together friendships, fake dating, growing up, and a cozy, Maine cottage setting and you get *Happy Place*. This story will pull at your heartstrings, but the writing will make you beg for more.

**Belonging**
*by Nora Krug (graphic memoir)*
A graphic memoir that uses different visual techniques in telling the author’s story. As a German with a complex family history involving WWII, Krug takes readers through her personal journey reckoning with her family’s history and her place.

**The Locked Door**
*by Freida McFadden (psychological thriller)*
Nora, a successful surgeon, has spent her adulthood trying to do the right thing while hiding that her father was a notorious serial killer. But when one of her patients is murdered, she realizes someone wants her to take the fall. Everything will be fine as long as the police don’t look in her basement.

**Let Us Descend**
*by Jesmyn Ward (historical fiction)*
A 2023 Oprah Book Club pick, this haunting story follows a young enslaved girl in the years before the Civil War. After being sold, Annis reflects on memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother. The author's breathtaking poetic writing style elevates this raw, haunting story.

**Buzzing**
*by Samuel Sattin, illustrated by Rye Hickman (middle grade graphic novel)*
Plagued by the intrusive thoughts of OCD (represented by buzzing bees), Isaac finds community when invited to play an after-school role-playing game. *Buzzing* includes a diverse cast, engaging illustrations, and a strong representation of neurodiversity.

**Every Dog in the Neighborhood**
*by Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Matthew Cordell (picture book)*
When Louis finds out that the city has not been keeping good records of the dogs in the neighborhood, he and his grandma take matters into their own hands. A book of silly names, warm illustrations, and community engagement that is a joy to read.
Recent popular scenes from the library.

Top L to R: Great Pyrenees certified therapy dog Bo and adoring fans at Books with Bo; "Loathe entirely!" Grinch-worthy moment from Santa’s stop at Westland; interactive Black History Month display.

Bottom L to R: Instrument Petting Zoo with Columbus Symphony; “Library” book stacks created by staff; a glimpse into readers’ lives through a “Lost and Found” display of things found left in SPL library books.
Nature Baby Storytime
(4 mo.–24 mo.)
Mondays @ 6:30p (Youth Services)
Tuesdays @ at 10:30a (Large Meeting Room)
Join us each week and 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
(2–6 yr.)
Mondays @ 10:30a (Large Meeting Room)
Wednesdays @ 6:30p (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.

March Madness: Battle of the Books
Month of March
Stop by the Youth Services and Teen areas each week to vote in an elimination tournament where popular book titles go head-to-head. Winners advance until there is a champion. May the best book win!

ART & LITERATURE—biweekly
Biweekly Tuesdays on 3/12 • 3/26 • 4/9 • 4/23
Enjoy a short story and learn simple art techniques while making a fun project. Every other Tuesday at 6 pm beginning March 12 and running through April 23. Suited for grades K–2.

Music Brings Us Together—Intergenerational Music Program for All Ages—Mar 2 • Apr 13
Saturdays 3/2 • 4/13 | 2p
Music Brings Us Together is a NEW music-based program aimed at all ages. There will be old music and new, stories, movement, and maybe a dance or two. Bring your children, parents, grandparents, or just yourself and meet new friends from the community as you enjoy music together. Participation is optional, toe-tapping a must. Feeling young is encouraged!

3/2—Music of the Night  4/13—Family Fun
BOOKS WITH BO—Mar 21 • Apr 18
Thursdays 3/21 • 4/18 | 6p | All ages
Enjoy time with our favorite fluffy therapy dog, Bo! Bo is a Great Pyrenees and will spend time in the Youth Services area with his trainer, Pat, to answer questions and accept pets and snuggles. Bo also loves to be read to!

LEGO CLUB—Mar 16 • Apr 27
Saturdays 3/16 • 4/27 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Come build your way through LEGO challenges or just free play with friends old and new!

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY—May 4
Saturday 5/4 while supplies last | All ages
Celebrate “Free Comic Book Day” with some free comic books while supplies last.

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ECLIPSE GLASSES GIVEAWAY
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ECLIPSE PROGRAM APR 6
Saturday 4/6 | 2p | Gr. K–5
Have fun learning all about the upcoming eclipse. We’ll learn about safe viewing, do some crafts, and have loads of fun. No registration required. Each elementary school-age participant will receive a free COSI learning kit, while supplies last, that includes a pair of eclipse glasses.

FOR TEENS (Grades 6 and up)

TEEN HANGOUTS—Mar 8 • Apr 5
Fridays 3/8 • 4/5 | 4p | Gr. 6 & up
Calling all teens and tweens! Join us for a monthly Teen Hangout to chat, socialize, and enjoy games, activities, and snacks.

CRAFTY THURSDAYS—Mar 14 • Apr 11
Thursdays 3/14 • 4/11 | 6p | Gr. 6 & up
Get creative with us! Join in the fun as we socialize, enjoy tasty snacks, and tackle a unique project or craft each month. All materials provided. Registration required. Stop by or call 614-875-6716 to sign up.

3/14 – Perler Bead Bookmarks | 4/11 – DIY Terrariums

ANIME CLUB—Mar 28 • Apr 25
4th Thursday of the month 3/28 • 4/25 | 6p
Tweens and teens, join us for Anime Club, and let’s watch shows and check out manga from the popular to the obscure! Chat, socialize, and eat themed snacks with us like Pocky, mochi, and more. Please note some shows are rated PG-13/TV14.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH—Apr
Stop by the Teen Area during April to check out our fun displays and activities for National Poetry Month.

NEW! Teen Book Club—1st Sunday of the month 3/3 • 4/7 • 5/5 | Gr. 8–12
Attention teen readers! Join us for snacks and a discussion of our latest book club pick. Suited for students grades 8 and up.
Weekly Fun (Mar-Apr)

**MAKER MONDAYS**
**Mondays through April—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.

**TOT TIME TUESDAYS**
**Tuesdays through April—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 through April—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!

**SENSORY EXPLORATION**
**Thursdays through April—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.

**KIDS TAKE & MAKE**
**Fridays through April | 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. Available during service hours while supplies last.

**WHS MAGIC KEY STORY HOUR** (monthly)
**Saturdays 3/9 • 4/13 • 5/11 | 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.

***NEW* TINKER LAB**
**(monthly)**
**2nd Tuesday of the month 3/12 • 4/9 | 6:30p | Gr. 2–6**
Become an inventor with Tinker Lab! In this drop-in program offered the 2nd Tuesday of each month, children will complete STEAM-based challenges promoting critical thinking skills and creative reasoning. Grades 2–6 only please.

**COOKIES & CANVAS FOR TWEENS** (monthly)
**2nd Wednesday of the month 3/13 • 4/10 | 6:30p | 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.

March 13—Leprechaun | Apr 10—Tulip

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**Earth Day Grab & Go**
**Monday 4/22 while supplies last | Ages 5–17**
It’s Earth Day! Stop by the Westland Area Library and pick up a seed bomb planting kit to take home. Let’s keep the earth nice and green! While supplies last.
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Free Comic Book Day May 4  
Saturday 5/4 | 10a | Family

Start your “Free Comic Book Day” at the library with comic book crafts and other comic-related activities, plus free comic books to keep while supplies last.

Instrument fun during our Instrument Petting Zoo with the Columbus Symphony. Children got to try out all different kinds of instruments and learned about the music they make.

**JUST FOR TEENS** Ages 13 & up

**TEEN TAKE & MAKE KITS** (monthly)

1st Saturday of the month 3/2 • 4/6 | 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.

Be sure to drop by the Teen Area for polls, fun activities, and more!

Recently, several smart detectives successfully guessed the book in our Book-in-a-Jar contest, and each took home a prize.
**REED DIFFUSER/ROOM FRESHENER**  
Wed 3/20 • 6p  
Fill a room with fragrance! Sign up and come learn how to make a simple reed diffuser with your choice of essential oils.  
*Photo: pipingrock.com*

**BOOK LIST BOOKMARK**  
Thu 3/28 • 6p  
Sign up and join us to craft some pocket bookmarks that are a great way to keep track of the books you’ve read.  
*Photo: tealnotes.com*

**SCENTED RICE SACHETS**  
Wed 4/10 • 6p  
Freshen up linen closets and dresser drawers with some DIY decorative, scented rice and herbal sachets.  
*Photo: mountainroseherbs.com*

**PUZZLE EXCHANGE** • Wed 4/24 • 6–7p  
Drop in and bring in your gently used puzzles to exchange with other participants for some new challenges.  
[Puzzles for ages 12+ please; most requested are 500-piece puzzles.]

**“LITTLE BIRDIE” BIRTHDAY CARDS**  
Wed 5/22 • 6p  
Sign up and join us to make some simple yet fun birthday greeting cards featuring paper birds.  
*Photo: via blush-crafts.com*

**“GET READY FOR SUMMER” SPARKLE LIP GLOSS**  
Thu 5/30 • 6p  
A few simple ingredients and you have your own lip gloss! Sign up and join us.  
*Photo: happinessishomemade.net*

**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY MAY 4**  
Enjoy a free comic giveaway while supplies last.

**DIY CANDLES** • Thu 5/9 • 6p  
Sign up and come make a unique candle with a fun thrifted glass and your choice of scent.  
*Photo: mylifefromhome.com*

**NEW! IN OTHER WORLDS BOOK CLUB** 3rd Thu @ 6p  
Introducing a new otherworldly book club for adults! Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month to discuss popular fantasy reads.  
3/21: Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo  
4/18: Godkiller by Hannah Kaner  
5/16: The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab

**MAY**

**MUSIC BRINGS US TOGETHER**  
**INTERGENERATIONAL MUSIC** Saturdays 3/2 • 4/13 • 2p  
Join us for a new music-based program aimed at all ages. Enjoy old music and new, stories, movement, and maybe a dance or two. Bring your children, parents, grandparents, or just yourself and meet new friends from the community as you enjoy music together. Participation is optional, toe-tapping a must. Feeling young is encouraged!

**Denotes registration required. Please call 614-875-6716 ext. 503 to register.**
**Fun with Beads—Mar • Apr • May**
Register and join us to learn different beading techniques and create unique projects. Space limited, so sign up early at the Information desk.
*Tue 3/19 @ 6p: Bird’s nest pendant*
*Tue 4/16 @ 6p: Circular focal piece for necklace*
*Tue 5/14 @ 6p: Bunch of flowering heather or beaded wrap bracelet, using beads and wire*

**Stamp Collecting—Mar • May—Thursdays 3/14 & 5/9 | 6:30p**
Sign up for an introduction to philately, better known as stamp collecting. The great thing about stamp collecting is that there are no rules. Collect what you like—cats or dogs, Disney, cartoons—any theme that interests you likely has stamps devoted to it.

**Discover Your Family History—Mar • Apr • May**
*Sat 3/6 | 3–4p • Fri 4/19 | 4:30p • Sat 5/11 | 3p*
Register to learn about your family history using Ancestry Library Edition. Stop by or call 614-878-1301 to sign up. Registered and unable to attend? Kindly notify us.

**Recycling Guy—Mar • Apr—Sat 3/21 | 11a–1p • Sun 4/21 | 2–4p**
Have things that Rumpke Recycling won’t take? Bring them to Westland Area Library for recycling. Find a complete list of what is accepted inside the library.

**March**

**Seed Swap • Tue 3/5 • 6p**
Bring extra seeds or gardening supplies to share and take home something new. A limited selection of seeds and small started pots will be available while supplies last.

**April**

**Get Outdoors Bingo (April)**

**Bad Art Contest • Tue 4/9 • 6p**
Come let your creativity fly free by creating the worst art you possibly can! We’ll create bad, silly, and downright wacky art, then vote to decide whose piece is the worst.

**Greeting Cards • Sat 4/20 • 2–4p**
Join local crafts expert Louise Winters Lloyd as she teaches us how to create our own unique greeting cards.

**Plant Exchange • Sat 4/20 • 3p**
Come talk gardening and trade plants.

**April Events**

**No plants to trade? We’ll be giving some away to start your own garden.**

**May**

**Spring Book Bingo (May)**
Pick up a Spring Book bingo board anytime in May. Complete by 5/31 to be entered in a drawing to win a small prize.

**Free Comic Book Day • Sat 5/4 • 10a**
Start “Free Comic Book Day” at the library with comic-related crafts and activities, plus free comic books to keep!

**“Bee” in the Know • Sat 5/4 • 2p**
Join Barb Gloetscher, a State Apiarist and Entomologist with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, as she teaches us about the fascinating world of bees.

**Adult Book Discussion 2nd Thu @ 6p**

- **3/14:** All the Sinners Bleed by S. A. Cosby
- **4/11:** The Three-Body Problem by Cixin Liu
- **5/9:** Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

**Gardening Series Presented by OSU Master Gardener Volunteers**

**Gardening Activities for Spring**
*Sat 3/16 • 2p—Learn about spring gardening activities, including tips for planting cool-season veggies and preparing yards, shrubs, and flower beds.*

**Annuals & Perennials**
*Sat 4/13 • 2p—Learn about the differences between annuals and perennials, the importance of native plants, and tips for preparing for warm-season planting.*

**Small Space Container Gardening**
*Sat 5/11 • 2p—Enjoy a learning session on container gardening, a convenient method for growing plants in small or limited spaces.*

**Recurring Programs**

**Free Adult ESL Classes (Weekly)**
Mondays & Wednesdays | 5–7p
Practice your listening and speaking skills in this class for adult students of English as a Second Language (ESL). Led by Columbus Literacy Council (CLC). Registration required. Call or email CLC at 614-282-7661 or learn@columbusliteracy.org to sign up.

**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 welcome!

**Crochet & Cocoa (Monthly)**
Saturdays 3/16 • 4/13 • 5/11 | 11a
Bring your yarn project to work on (crochet, knit, etc.), all yarn crafts welcome or come learn the basics of crochet while socializing and enjoying a warm drink.

**Legal Advice with LASC (Monthly)**
3rd Tuesday 3/19 • 4/16 • 5/21 | 4–6p
Get free walk-in 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.

**Movies at the Library (Monthly)**
3rd Thursday 3/21 • 4/18 • 5/16 | 5:30p
Enjoy the following music documentaries:
- 3/21: The Devil and Daniel Johnston
- 4/18: Searching for Sugar Man
- 5/16: Dave Chappelle’s Block Party

**Retro Video Game Night (Monthly)**
3rd Thursday 3/21 • 4/18 • 5/16 | 6p
Play some classic retro games and chat about everything Atari, Nintendo, Sega and more. Kids welcome with parental supervision.
Adult Virtual and Take & Make

**Adult Take & Make** Grab a kit to enjoy at home! Offered on indicated dates at both locations while supplies last.

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**Macramé Bookmarks**
Sat 3/9
Take home a kit to DIY a bookmark perfect for macramé beginners.

**Spring Celebration Folded Cone Gift Bags**
Sat 3/23
Pick up a kit with supplies to fold decorated paper into mini gift bags for Springtime Celebration treats. (Candy not included.) Photo via Pinterest

**Woolly Easter Lambs**
Fri 3/29
Take a home a kit and celebrate spring by making some simple woolly lambs. Photo via tea-with-mrs-mourning-dove.tumblr.com

**DIY Seed Starter Kit**
Sat 4/6
Get ready for Spring with a DIY starter kit to grow your own plant. Kit includes one starter pot, soil, and several seeds.

**Doodling & De-Stressing**
Sat 4/13
Take home a kit and take a time-out for doodling and de-stressing. Doodle prompts, notebook, and pen included.

**Creative Writing Inspiration**
Sat 4/20
If you love to read, you might love to try your hand at creative writing. Grab a bag full of pictures and prompts to help you get started on your story.

**Puzzle Paradise**
Sat 4/27
Give your brain a workout! Take home a packet and enjoy some crosswords, Sudoku, and other paper logic puzzles to while away the hours.

**Mental Health Comfort Kit**
Sat 5/11
May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and we’re here for you and your mental health. Take home a comfort kit with mental health resources, tips and tricks for overall well-being, and some treats just for you! While supplies last. One per household please.

**Paperclip Tassel Bookmark**
Sat 5/25
Pick up a kit to piece together a colorful tassel bookmark with ribbon and fabric scraps. Photo via Etsy, BrookMarks

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Made it? Love it? Snap a photo and tag us or hashtag #readSPL

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

**March Madness Glory Days quiz** Fri 3/15 | posted 12p
It happens every year at this time! Test your knowledge of the sports world’s basketball craziness with our online quiz.

**Solar System Spotlight quiz** Fri 4/5 | posted 12p
There’s an eclipse on the way! Test your knowledge of astronomy with our online quiz.

**National Get Caught Reading Month quiz** Fri 5/3 | posted 12p
Get Caught Reading—Classics. Test your knowledge with our online quiz.

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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.

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.

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.

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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 soon
- 1 week after: 1st overdue notification
- 2 weeks after: 2nd overdue notification
- 3 weeks after: 3rd overdue notification & account blocked
- 5 weeks after: items charged to account, fine notice sent
- 7 weeks after: fees over $100 sent to materials recovery agency
Library Services

Library Hours

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.
Discover your library...

Regular Hours
Mon–Thu: 9:00 am–8:00 pm
Fri: 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Sat: 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Sun: 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Mobile Outreach Service
Reaching out to those with special needs and limited access to service. Please call 614-875-6716 ext. 159 for more information.

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