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SPL News and Updates

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT
YOUR LIBRARY.

Adventure awaits! Set off on adventure this summer with our Summer Reading Challenge which runs June 1 through July 28 this year. Open to all ages, we have specially tailored challenges for tots (babies–kindergarten) kids (grades 1–5), teens (grades 6–12), and adults. Track your reading, attend programs, and complete activities for the chance to earn prizes and raffle entries.

Map out your adventure; check out our featured Summer Reading performers and presenters on page 5 and other special library programming on pages 6–12.

Sign up for Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 1 online at swpl.org, in-person at the library, or through the READsquared app available in your app store.

Puzzle Exchange Station

Love jigsaw puzzles? Then you’ll love our new Puzzle Exchange Station at the Grove City Library. Grab a puzzle or leave a puzzle—anytime! There’s no need to check out the puzzles or return, just enjoy.

+ No need to check out!
+ No need to return unless you wish!
+ If returning, please return to puzzle shelves or to the Information desk, not the book drop.

DYK?—We also hold an in-person Puzzle Exchange quarterly at Grove City. Our summer exchange will be held Saturday, July 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. Bring in your gently used puzzles to swap with others or donate to the library.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Meredith E. Wickham

As part of the new ReadOhio Initiative, Governor Mike DeWine has been touring Ohio this Spring attending screenings of The Right to Read, a documentary about literacy instruction in the United States. Beloved Reading Rainbow star LeVar Burton executive produced the film, which begs the question: Is early literacy instruction and by extension “The Right to Read” a Civil Rights issue, and if so, are some students being left behind?

The Governor’s initiative aims to improve literacy rates by the 3rd grade. Currently, 40% of Ohio’s 3rd graders are not reading proficiently for their grade level.

At Southwest Public Libraries, encouraging young people to learn to love reading and become lifelong readers is the heart of what we do. One of the central goals of our Strategic Plan states that, “Students and parents will have materials and programs that incorporate research-supported early literacy practices to support young readers and help them learn.”

Our Youth Services team use the recommendations of the experts to bring the newest techniques and tools to everything they do, from storytime for babies to choosing the best board books for toddlers to take home. They learn how to share and model best practices with parents and caregivers.

As a former Youth Services Librarian, myself, this work is close to my heart. I know how critical it is to approach this work holistically—we’re not just providing library service to the child, but to the whole family and beyond, to the whole community. We are so fortunate to live in a community that values literacy and shows it in so many ways, every day!

The questions this film and the new State initiative raise are about how best to do this work of helping kids learn to read. If you’d like to have the opportunity to review the film yourself and consider these questions together, I invite you to join me at Grove City Library on Saturday, August 3, for a 2:00 p.m. matinee screening of The Right to Read. Afterwards, if you want to stay, we will discuss the documentary together.

I hope you’ll join me!

Warmly,

~Meredith

RIGHT TO READ FILM SCREENING

Saturday, Aug 3 | 2p | Grove City Library
Light refreshments served
Grove City Youth Services Manager, Lore Lehr, retires after 35 years of service at SPL

With a combination of happiness for her and sadness for SPL, we congratulate Lore Lehr, longtime Youth Services Manager at Grove City, on her retirement. Lore retired on April 30 after a total of 35 years at SPL. She has been an essential fixture not only in our library system but the city of Grove City itself.

Raised in Grove City, Lore started her career with SPL in 1985 and worked until 1989 when she left to work outside of public libraries. Luckily, she returned to SPL in 1993 to work on the Information team at Westland. In 2001 she became the Youth Services Librarian (now called Youth Services Manager) at Grove City, where she led us through 22 years of amazing programming and Summer Reading Challenges.

Lore has touched the lives of countless kids and families in Grove City. Some of the children that attended her first storytimes at Grove City have now been bringing their own kids to Lore's most recent storytimes—truly an amazing legacy for an amazing woman!

Thank you, Lore, for all you’ve done for SPL. Enjoy the extra time to spend with your daughter and granddaughter. We look forward to seeing you and Lily at future programs!

Longtime Cataloger, Pat Crossen, retiring after 36 years of service at SPL

The best resource the library has is its amazing staff! Patrick Crossen, Southwest Public Libraries’ Technical Systems Manager, has encompassed the best values of the library for the last 36 years. As the head of Tech Systems, Pat has ensured that books, audiobooks, movies and all manner of items are catalogued efficiently so they can get into our patrons’ hands as soon as they are released. His behind-the-scenes work for SPL has spanned decades, and he has been a fantastic leader, coworker, and friend.

Pat will retire at the end of June 2024.

He says, “I have worked at the library for 36 years, and it has been a wonderful and very rewarding 36 years. I love the library and will continue my support in any way that I can even after I retire!”

His retirement has been well-earned, and while we will miss him at the library, we are so happy for him and his family as he says goodbye.

Thank you, Pat! Congratulations!
In the Community—Friends at EcoFest

In April the Friends participated in EcoFest, an annual event hosted by the City of Grove City and Grove City Parks and Recreation that seeks to help create a healthier community through education about sustainable and innovative practices.

Sustainability is one of the core values of Southwest Public Libraries to ensure the library can continue to serve the community for generations to come. The Friends are proud to support this vision and were present to share info about the Friends and library resources. The Friends also supplied a bookmark craft for young visitors. Thank you to everyone who stopped by. We enjoyed meeting you!
Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Summer Reading Challenge runs June 1–July 28. Sign up beginning June 1 at the library, online at swpl.org, or through the READsquared app to track your reading, attend programs, and complete activities to earn prizes!

Enjoy free special performers and presenters for youth on Tuesdays during Summer Reading. (Mornings at Grove City, afternoons at Westland. Exception: Bring the Farm to You. See program for details.)

6/25 TUE—THE CARAVAN
10:30a @ Grove City | Ages 5–12
Join The Caravan for “Come to Your Senses,” a game show that will use all of your senses. Suited for ages 5–12.
1:30p @ Westland | Youth all ages
Let’s have a dance party with The Caravan! We’ll be groovin’ with sing-alongs, dance-offs, exercises, and more.

7/2 TUE—CC THE SKETCHY ARTIST
10:30a @ Grove City | Youth all ages
1:30p @ Westland | Youth all ages
Let’s chalk the walk! CC the Sketchy Artist (Cecelia Martyna) is back to teach us how to create some amazing sidewalk chalk art. You will impress your friends and family by becoming a chalk Picasso! No art skills needed.

7/9 TUE—DIDGERIDOO DOWN UNDER
10:30a @ Grove City | Youth all ages
1:30p @ Westland | Youth all ages
The didgeridoo instrument has been played by Aboriginal Australians for at least 1,500 years. Come see and hear a real one with Didgeridoo Down Under, a fusion of Australian music, culture, puppetry, comedy, and storytelling. Photo courtesy Didgeridoo Down Under

7/16 TUE—ERICA CARLSON & SEDGIE THE HEDGEHOG
10:30a @ Grove City | Ages 2–7
1:30p @ Westland | Ages 2–7
Grab your superhero cape and show off your muscles for this comedy magic show featuring Sedgewick, a real live hedgehog! Recommended for ages 2–7.

7/23 TUE—BRING THE FARM TO YOU
10:30a @ Westland | Youth all ages
2:30p @ Grove City | Youth all ages
Please note special times and locations. This program will be held at Westland Area Library at 10:30 a.m. and at Grove City’s Town Center Park (3359 Park St.) at 2:30 p.m. Visit sheep, goats, rabbits, turkeys, and other farm animals live and in-person with Bring the Farm to You. This event is supported by the State Library of Ohio with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
Grove City Youth Programming

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

VISIT WITH SMOKEY BEAR
Wednesday 6/12 | 10:30a | Gr. K–5
Visit with Smokey Bear and learn all about fire safety with staff from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. We’ll read a story, participate in fun activities, and interact with Smokey! Image via ohiodnr.gov

QUEST FOR THE CRYSTAL CROWN
Thursday 6/13 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Can you focus all of your physical, mental, and mystery solving skills? You’ll need it in this Quest for the Crystal Crown. Collect crystals that give you clues to find the crystal crown inside the gem cave.

Summer Storytimes

STORYTIME IN THE PARK
(For families with children through ages Pre-K)
Mondays @ 10:30a at Town Center Park, June 10–July 22 (none 7/1)
This summer, go on a new adventure with us each week as we read, sing, and learn together at Town Center Park (3359 Park Street). Especially designed for families, this storytime focuses on important pre-reading skills. In the case of inclement weather, the program will move to the library.

ADVENTURE BABIES STORYTIME (4–24 mo.)
Mondays @ 6:30p, June 10–July 22 (none 7/1)
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.

Adventures in Nature Fridays
Fridays 6/21 • 6/28 • 7/19 • 7/26 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Explore nature in a series of adventures featuring fun, info and crafts. Each week we’ll take a look at different sides of nature.
Friday, June 21—Nature’s Forces
Friday, June 28—Nature Partnership
Friday, July 19—Nature Survives
Friday, July 26—Nature Thinkers

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DIM THE LIGHTS
Thursday 6/20 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Come glow with us! Join us for an adventure painting glow-in-the-dark rocks.

Weekend Adventures
Embark on an adventure at the library as you explore a new adventure-themed craft or activity each weekend June–July.

Monthly Family Movie
Gather the whole family and join us for some Saturday summer movies.
June 15 @ 2p—Super Mario Bros. Movie | July 13 @ 2p—Night at the Museum | July 27 @ 2p—Wish
STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT: READERS’ THEATRE
Thursday 6/27 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Join us for a day of theatrical delight at our Readers’ Theater Day, where stories come alive through the magic of performance! Perfect for all ages, this event is a fantastic way to dive into the world of literature while having a blast with friends and family.

LEGGO CLUB—JUNE 29 & JULY 20
Saturdays 6/29 • 7/20 | 2:30p
Gr. K–5
Come build your way through LEGO challenges or just free play with friends old and new!

DIG! STUDY! EXPLORE!
AN ARCHAEOLOGY ADVENTURE
Thursday 7/11 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Adventure with us into the past with an event designed to ignite the curiosity of young explorers about the wonders of archaeology. Unlock your inner archaeologist with interactive stations and activities, including simulated dig site excavations and deciphering hieroglyphics.

BACKYARD ADVENTURES
Thursday 7/18 | 2:30p | Gr. K–5
Come discover adventures right in your own backyard!

SRC WRAP-UP PARTY
Thursday 7/25 | 10:30a | All ages
Celebrate the conclusion of another great Summer Reading Challenge at Town Center Park (3359 Park St.) with games, crafts, and Tuscoe Shaved Ice!
Summer Reading Challenge officially ends July 28. Make sure you’ve logged all of your reading and activities by the end of the day. Congratulations on another summer of fun and reading!

JUST FOR TEENS (Grades 6–12)

FUEL UP & FEAST—Wednesday 6/12 | 6p
Get ready to speed through Mario Kart tracks while savoring snacks from every corner of the globe. Whether you're a gaming guru, a spectator, or just here for the treats, this is an experience that will take your taste buds and gaming excitement to new heights!

MINI-ZINE MAGIC—Wednesday 6/26 | 6p
Dive into the imaginative universe of mini-zines, dynamic, pocket-sized publications bursting with YOUR passions and interests. Once your mini-zine masterpiece is complete, we’ll make copies so each participant can take some new art home.

UNSOLVED: TEEN DETECTIVE CHALLENGE
Wednesday 7/10 | 6p
Calling all teen detectives and sleuths-in-training! Get ready for an evening of suspense and mystery, where you’ll uncover clues, solve puzzles, and work together to crack the case.

OVERSIZED GAME NIGHT—Wednesday 7/17 | 6p
Welcome to Oversized Game Night for teens. Tower over the competition as you strategize your moves in a giant game of Jenga or connect your way to victory in a colossal Connect Four showdown. With an array of games to choose from, it’ll be a night of friendly competition and larger-than-life thrills that you won’t want to miss!

STARRY SKIES: TEEN PAINT NIGHT
Wednesday 7/24 | 6p
Come paint the captivating forest night sky with us at our Teen Paint Night. Whether you’re a beginner or a pro, everyone’s invited to join in the fun.

Looking for Anime Club? It will return this fall!
Westland Youth Programming

Questions? Please call Westland Youth Services at 614-878-1301 ext. 602. Programs subject to change.

Summer Storytimes

**BABY STORYTIME**—Every Tuesday June 4–July 16 | 10:30a | Ages birth–24 mo.
Bounce, sing, read, and more at this lap-sit storytime designed for children 0–24 months and their caregivers. Our youngest library-goers will have fun while building important early literacy skills.

**MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORYTIME**—Every Wednesday June 5–July 24 (none 6/19) | 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!

**MOVIE MONDAYS** (weekly)
Every Monday June 3–July 22 | 1:30p | Youth all ages
Come watch adventure-themed movies with popcorn and friends.

**SENSORY EXPLORATION** (weekly)
Thursdays in June & July (none 7/4) | 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** (weekly)
Fridays June–Aug | Youth all ages
Pick up a Kids 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.

**TINKER LAB**—June 5 • July 3 & 17
Wednesdays 6/5 • 7/3 • 7/17 | 6:30p | Gr. 2–6
*REGISTRATION REQUIRED* Become an inventor with Tinker Lab! In this hands-on program, children will complete STEAM-based challenges promoting critical thinking skills and creative reasoning. Call Youth Services to sign up. Grades 2–6 only please.

**INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO** WITH COLUMBUS SYMPHONY
June 6
Thursday 6/6 | 1:30p | Youth all ages
Come try out a hands-on experience with musical instruments provided by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

**SMOKEY BEAR**—June 12
Wednesday 6/12 | 1:30p | Gr. K–5
Visit with Smokey Bear and learn all about fire safety with staff from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. We’ll read a story, participate in fun activities, and interact with Smokey!

**RAIN FISH**—June 13
Thursday 6/13 | 1:30p | Gr. K–2
Best suited for grades K–2. What are rain fish? Let’s find out! Science, art, and literacy intersect in this special program presented by Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. Using the book *Rain Fish*, we will discover what rain fish are, create our own rain fish, and learn why only rain should go down the storm drain.

**JUNK ART**—June 20
Thursday 6/20 | 1:30p | Youth all ages
Come make a masterful art creation out of junk in this special program hosted by Keep Ohio Beautiful.

Mala Bracelet
Friday 6/14 | 1:30p | Ages 11 & up
*REGISTRATION REQUIRED* Tweens and Teens, sign up and come make your own mala bracelet with Studio 614 in this DIY workshop. All supplies and step-by-step instruction provided. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants, ages 11 & up. Call Youth Services to reserve your spot. Photo via Studio614.co
NEW! ANIME CLUB FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Fridays 6/14 • 6/28 • 7/12 • 7/26 | 2p | Tweens & Teens

Tweens and Teens, come dive into the world of anime at the Westland Area Library! Join us as we watch a variety of shows, snack on themed food, and enjoy games and crafts. NOTE: All anime shown will have an age rating of TV-16 or under. Topics such as profanity, mild violence, etc. may be shown. Parental discretion is advised.

6/14—Fantasy | 6/28—Sports | 7/12—Romance | 7/26—Mystery

K9 INDY DEMO—JUNE 27
Thursday 6/27 | 1:30p | Elementary grades & up
Best suited for elementary grades and up. Come 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. Please note this program is expected to include a bite suit demonstration and may not be suitable for young children.

ODNR FISHING—JULY 11
Thursday 7/11 | 1:30p | Youth all ages
Join us for a fishy program presented by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

PRAIRIE TWP FIRE DEPARTMENT—JULY 18
Thursday 7/18 | 1:30p | Youth all ages
Here’s your chance to meet Prairie Township firefighters and see a REAL fire truck up close!

ALL ABOUT BIRDS & SRC WRAP-UP PARTY—JULY 25
Thursday 7/25 | 1:30p | Youth all ages
Let’s wrap up Summer Reading Challenge with a party and learning all about birds! Come enjoy crafts, activities, and icy sweet treats from Tuscoe Shaved Ice, plus, learn about bird species of Ohio with a local expert and build your own pine cone bird feeder.

SUMMER READING ENDS JULY 28
Summer Reading Challenge ends July 28. Have you logged all of your reading and activities? Make sure to do so by the end of the day. Congratulations on another summer of fun and reading!

JUST FOR TEENS (Grades 6–12)

TEEN TAKE & MAKE (monthly)
Saturdays 6/1 • 7/16 • 8/3 | Gr. 6–12
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. Available during service hours while supplies last.

TEEN ART CLUB (June & July)
Fridays 6/7 • 7/5 | 2p | Gr. 6–12
Reduce, reuse, craft! Drop in and create your own masterpiece to take home using recycled book pages. All materials provided. No registration required.

TEEN ESCAPE ROOM (June & July)
Fridays 6/21 • 7/19 | 2p | Gr. 6–12
Do you like a challenge, solving riddles, and puzzles? Come participate in our first escape rooms! Solve the mystery and get a prize at the end. For ages 12–17.
**Grove City Adult Programming**

*REG REQUIRED* indicates registration required. Please stop by or call 614-875-6716 ext. 503 to sign up.

**MONTHLY WATCH PARTY—SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**

**JUNE**

- **Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl** (2003; PG-13)  
  Tue 6/4 @ 5:30p

- **Jaws** (1975; PG)  
  Tue 7/2 @ 5:30p

**AUGUST**

- **Mamma Mia!** (2008; PG-13)  
  Tue 7/16 @ 5:30p

**Colorful Summer Coloring**  
Wed 7/24 • 6–7p
Take a break with some coloring pages and snacks. Assorted pages, pens, and markers provided. Adults 18+.

**Recurring Programs**

**JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE—BIWEEKLY**  
Tuesdays 6/4 • 6/18 • 7/12 • 7/16 • 7/30  
• 8/13 • 8/27 | 5–7p
Get individual resume advice and your job search questions answered in a 30-minute session with career consultant Tim McNish. Call Tim at 614-559-0207 to get scheduled. In partnership with Jewish Family Services. All are welcome!

**FUN WITH FIBERS—MONTHLY**

1st Thursday 6/6 • 8/1 (none 7/4) | 6–7p
Yarn, thread, embroidery floss, all fiber enthusiasts welcome! Pop in to work on your current project with good company.

**WATERCOLOR CLUB—MONTHLY**

3rd Monday 6/17 • 7/15 • 8/19 | 6p
*REG REQUIRED* Let’s have some fun with watercolor! Together, we will watch instructional videos that will take us through each step of a simple painting.

**JULY**

**BOOKS AND BREWS**  
Tue 7/16 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Ages 21+ only. Purchase a ticket and join us at Grove City Brewing Co. (3946 Broadway) to taste unique brews paired with great reads. Tickets available online, $20 per person, and include a complimentary appetizer.

**DIY FELT COASTERS**  
*REG REQUIRED* Where have you been, Loca?! Sign up and join us for some New Moon-themed bingo. We'll be watching random, select scenes from the movie as we play bingo. Bingo winner(s) will receive a Forks-inspired prize.

**TWILIGHT: NEW MOON BINGO**  
Tue 8/13 • 6p
*REG REQUIRED* Add a touch of nature to your home with a simple wreath, embellished with dried fruit and floral pieces.

**SEASHELL WIND CHIME**  
*REG REQUIRED* Bring some coastal vibes to your home with a DIY seashell wind chime.

**PRIDE PINS**  
Wed 6/5 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Sign up and get in the spirit of Pride Month by making your own Pride pins. Ages 16+.

**MINI BOOK NECKLACE**  
Tue 6/11 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Craft an artful necklace/unique mini book with room for doodles or stickers to record your adventures.

**ADVENTURES IN READING**  
Mon 6/24 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Join the summer reading adventure by reading and discussing Grandma Gatewood’s Walk by Ben Montgomery. Special guests will include Gatewood family members and members of the Buckeye Trail Association.

**GREAT PAPER DAHLIA**  
Thu 6/27 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Learn how to craft an oversized paper version of this stunning flower.

**GOAT YOGA**  
Fri 7/19 • 10a  
*REG REQUIRED* Join us for a yoga session—with goats! We’re teaming up with yoga instructor Dana Bernstein and Katherine Harrison from Harrison Farm for some outdoor (weather permitting) yoga featuring furry friends at Town Center Park. Registration required. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel.

**Puzzle Exchange**  
Sat 7/20 • 10–11a
Restock your jigsaw puzzle collection. Bring in your “old” puzzles and take home some “new” ones. Donations of gently used puzzles (for ages 12+) accepted.

**ADVENTURES IN FILM**  
Mon 7/22 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Join us for a film about rock climbing and a discussion with the Ohio Climbers Coalition about gear, skill, and what it means to be a rock climber.

**IN OTHER WORLDS BOOK CLUB**  
Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. to discuss popular fantasy reads.

- 6/20—*The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black
- 7/18—*Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
- 8/15—*The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T. J. Klune

**PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB**  
Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. to discuss the following adult titles:

- 6/25—*The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters
- 7/23—*My First Popsicle* by Zosia Mamet
- 8/27—*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

**BOOKS AND BREWS**  
Tue 7/16 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Ages 21+ only. Purchase a ticket and join us at Grove City Brewing Co. (3946 Broadway) to taste unique brews paired with great reads. Tickets available online, $20 per person, and include a complimentary appetizer.

**CANNING BASICS**  
Sat 8/10 • 10:30a
Join OSU Extension Educator Jenny Lobb to learn the process of water bath and pressure canning.

**SOURDOUGH BASICS**  
Monday 8/26 • 6p  
*REG REQUIRED* Sign up to learn the basics of making sourdough bread and go home with a starter of your own.

**FOOD ALLERGIES**
Food allergies: We cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.

**SEASHELL WIND CHIME**  
Thu 8/29 • 6p
*REG REQUIRED* Bring some coastal vibes to your home with a DIY seashell wind chime.
**Westland Adult Programming**

*REG REQUIRED* indicates registration required. Please stop by or call 614-878-1301 ext. 603 to sign up.

### JUNE

**Cooking Demo: Build a Better Summer Recipe** • Fri 6/7 • 1p
*REG REQUIRED* Join Jenny Lobb, Registered Dietitian and OSU Extension Educator, to learn how you can build a “better” (healthier) recipe ahead of summer gatherings and celebrations. Learn about the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and how to make simple shifts to better meet the recommendations in your year-round cooking and eating. Program includes a cooking demonstration and tasting.

**DIY Greeting Cards** • Sat 6/8 • 2–4p
Join crafter Louise Winters as she takes you step-by-step to create your own greeting cards. No registration necessary.

**Senior Series: Heart Health**
Fri 6/14 • 1p
*REG REQUIRED* The Senior Series Program is an outreach of the OSU Extension Office and encourages the wellbeing of older adults age 60 and up. Join us for a discussion on heart health, with time included for questions and answers.

**Herb Gardens** • Sat 6/22 • 2p
Learn how to start and tend your own herb garden as presented by OSU Master Gardener Volunteers. Walk-ins welcome.

**DIY Coasters** • Sat 6/22 • 3p
Adults, join us and design your own coaster using oil-based paint markers. Supplies are first come, first served.

### JULY

**Backyard Bugs & Pests** • Sat 7/13 • 2p
Learn tips and tricks for handling backyard bugs and garden pests from OSU Master Gardener Volunteers. Walk-ins welcome.

**Painting with Friends** • Tue 7/16 • 6p
*REG REQUIRED* Bring a friend and enjoy a creative evening of art! To participate,
you and a friend will paint part of a picture before trading canvases back and forth every few minutes until the picture is complete. In the end, you both will have a unique, collaborative piece of art that reflects your friendship.

### AUGUST

**Adult Book Discussion** Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. to discuss:
6/13 — *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
7/11 — *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
8/8 — *The Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff

**Free Adult ESL Classes** — WEEKLY
Mondays & Wednesdays June–August 5–7p (No classes 6/13–7/7)
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!

**Recycling Guy** — JUNE & AUGUST
Saturdays 6/15 • 8/24 | 10a–12p
Have things that Rumpke Recycling will not collect? Bring them to Westland Area Library for recycling. Find a complete list of accepted items inside the library.

**Legal Advice with LASC** — MONTHLY
3rd Tuesday 6/18 • 7/16 • 8/20 | 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.

**Discover Your Family History** — MONTHLY
Fri 6/14 • Sat 7/6 • Sat 8/17 | 3–4p
Register to learn about your family history using Ancestry Library Edition. Stop by or call 614-878-1301 to sign up. Registered but can’t attend? Please notify us.

**Movies at the Library** — MONTHLY
3rd Thursday 6/20 • 7/18 • 8/15 | 5:30p
Join us for some “feel good” movies.
6/20 — *Marcel the Shell with Shoes On* 7/18 — *The Birdcage* 8/15 — *Yesterday*

**Retro Video Game Night** — MONTHLY
3rd Thursday 6/20 • 7/18 • 8/15 | 6p
Come to the library to play video game classics of decades past!

**Community Puzzle** — AUGUST
Help us complete our community puzzle during the month of August.

**Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia** • Fri 8/9 • 1p
*REG REQUIRED* Learn the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, stages of the disease, risk factors, research, and treatments. Resources from the Alzheimer’s Association will be shared.

**Senior Series: How to Talk to Your Doctor** • Fri 8/16 • 1p
*REG REQUIRED* Especially for ages 60 & up. Join an OSU Extension educator to learn tools for talking with your doctor.

**Preparing for Fall Gardening**
Sat 8/31 • 2p
Join OSU Master Gardener volunteers for a learning session on preparing summer gardens for the fall season. Walk-ins welcome.
Adult Virtual and Take & Make

**HERBAL LEMONADE**  
Sat 6/1  
Start the summer with a refreshing herbal drink you can make at home. Take home a kit with assorted recipes and herbs.

**SEED BOMB**  
Sat 6/8  
Take home a seed bomb kit that will delight when it sprouts up beautiful wildflowers.

**HOT AIR BALLOON BOOKMARKS**  
Sat 6/15  
Save your place in your next adventure by creating hot air balloon bookmarks. Each kit contains materials to create three bookmarks.

**CREATIVE WRITING INSPIRATION**  
Sat 6/22  
If you love to read, you might love to try your hand at creative writing. Grab a bag full of prompts and visual inspiration to get started on your story.

**FRIENDSHIP BRACELET**  
Sat 6/29  
Take home a kit to create a colorful bracelet for friends (or yourself) with this classic summer craft. Kits include string and suggested patterns.

**MACRAME PLANT HANGER**  
Sat 7/6  
Make an easy plant hanger (or maybe even a hanger for your Bluetooth speaker) with this kit.

**GIFT CARD HOLDER**  
Sat 7/13  
Take home a kit and learn how to make a decorative gift card holder out of colorful scrapbook paper. Photo: thecreativeplace.blogspot.com

**Cartoon Cel Painting**  
Sat 7/20  
Paint an animation cel the traditional way with this kit. Kit includes tools and instructions that will give you the know-how to recreate your favorite cartoon drawing or capture something new from your imagination.

**PUZZLE PARADISE**  
Sat 7/27  
Flex your mental muscles with a take-home kit of printed puzzles. Pick up this variety pack and put your mind through a workout.

**PAPER ROSES**  
Sat 8/3  
Take home a kit and learn how to make stunning paper roses with this paper rose template.

**CIRCLE DOODLES**  
Sat 8/10  
Grab a kit and take time out to de-stress by making circle doodles. Notebook, pen, and samples included. Photos via craftsyhacks.com

**BOOK PAGE FEATHER**  
Sat 8/17  
Make a whimsical feather out of old book pages with this kit. Use it as a bookmark or enjoy it as decoration.

**BORAX CRYSTAL WINDOW HANGER**  
Sat 8/21  
Take home a kit and use water, borax, and pipe cleaners to create some sparkly window hangings.

**POPSICLE STICK BIRD FEEDER**  
Sat 8/31  
Invite feathered friends to your yard with an easy to make popsicle stick bird feeder. Kit includes supplies and instructions. Photo: madewithhappy.com

**Back to School quiz**  
Fri 8/2 | posted 12p  
Let’s talk about ABCs and 1-2-3s in this educational online quiz.

**One of These Covers Is Not Like the Others**  
Fri 8/16 | posted 12p  
How well do you know book covers and their tropes? Spot the fakes and recognize the real ones in this fun quiz!

**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 the library's Facebook page.

**Fabulous Flags quiz**  
Fri 6/14 | posted 12p  
It’s Flag Day! Test your knowledge of US state flags with this online quiz.

**Summer Lovin’ quiz**  
Fri 7/5 | posted 12p  
Test your knowledge of All Things Summer—movies, books, songs—with this online quiz.

**Know a Book by Its Cover**  
Fri 7/12 | posted 12p  
Test your book knowledge by matching famous books with their signature covers in our online quiz.
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

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 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.

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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

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 $100 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!
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

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.
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.

Summer Hours (Jun 1–Aug 31)
Mon–Thu: 9:00 am–8:00 pm
Fri–Sat: 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Sun: Closed
Learn more about hours at swpl.org

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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The library will be closed:
*May 26–27 (Memorial Day)
*Jun 19 (Juneteenth)
*Jul 4 (Independence Day)
*Sep 1–2 (Labor Day)

Library Board Meetings
2nd Tuesday of each month
*Jun 11 at Grove City
*Jul (no meeting)
*Aug 13 at Grove City
All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are open to the public.

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