Autumn has officially arrived, and at SPL we are looking ahead not just to the crunch of leaves but towards our next steps in continuing to provide safe and exceptional library service.

Like you, we eagerly anticipate when we will be able to safely reopen our doors. We are both cautious and hopeful as we monitor pandemic developments that the county’s health alert level steadily progresses towards Yellow. It is our intention to proceed with a limited reopening with modified services once case numbers indicate a sustained decline. For the continued safety of our community, in-person services will be restored gradually with all services and building status remaining contingent upon current developments at all times.

Changes patrons can expect as part of a limited reopening include, but are not limited to, modified service practices and reconfigured or reduced equipment and seating availability to support social distancing. Programming will continue to be offered virtually or as take-home kits until gatherings are safe again.

More details will be available as we move closer towards our goal. Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy the full month of entertaining, crafty, spooky fun ahead.

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Clockwise from top left: (a) Always a warm welcome for patrons (b) Giving a tour of Grove City building under construction (c) Reference Librarian at heart. Bethanne’s “Literary Elements” Reference Team G C Li Br Ar Y (d) Early days

**Upcoming Special Events**

**One Book, One Community** Coming soon!

We’re still working out some details but can’t wait to bring you this special, collaborative community read and virtual author visit later this year to help inspire dialogue about race and racism. Stay tuned!

(Flip the page to check out more SPL happenings!)
We can’t wait to host you in person again, but we’re excited to bring you your favorite programming virtually and via grab & go. Virtual events will be presented on Facebook unless otherwise noted. Give our page a like! @SPLFranklinCountyOH

Virtual Programming + Grab & Go

Books to Go! Thoughtfully curated grab & go options

Storytime Kits: Now available for checkout. Each themed kit includes 3 books, a music CD, and a binder of activities and coloring pages. Reserve through our web catalog or by calling Youth Services.

Book Bundles: Try out our new Book Bundles service. Ask for a Surprise Bundle (assorted themes) during pickup hours or fill out a request form/call to have a personalized bundle put together for you.

Virtual Storytime + Storytime Anytime Kits

Storytimes: Tuesdays & Thursdays. 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday kit pickups: M & T | Thursday kit pickups: W & Th
Tune in to Virtual Storytime to sing, dance, and read along! Videos will be posted on Facebook and YouTube, featuring Westland staff on Tuesdays and Grove City staff on Thursdays.

Keep the fun going with new, corresponding “Storytime, Anytime” activity kits available for pickup. Kits include a storytime outline, simple felt board rhymes, songs, or crafts. Pick up a kit on designated days or reserve one by calling Youth Services. While supplies last.

Virtual LEGO Challenge

Thursdays, Oct 1 & 29. 6:30 p.m.
Participate in these challenges by creating a masterpiece at home based on a posted theme. Be sure to share a pic of your creation!

Virtual Haunted Library Escape Room

Saturday, Oct 31. 10 a.m. Teens & Adults
Celebrate Halloween alongside the library with a virtual escape room! Follow clues and answer riddles as you make your way virtually through a spooky Halloween night trapped in the library. Intended for Teen or Adult participants.

Take & Make Kits are available for no-contact pickup beginning 10 a.m. on indicated days and are first come, first served while supplies last.

Get Creative! Take & Make Kits

Take & Make Kit: Coloring Sheets Friday, Oct 2
During stressful times, take a few minutes to unwind by slowing down and coloring. Pick up a take-home kit with an assortment of coloring pages and some “Helpful Hints” for trying new techniques.

Take & Make Kit: BOOk-o’-Lantern Friday, October 9
Light your spooky read. Pick up some fun printed stencils to try when carving your pumpkin. Then enjoy reading by the light of your BOOk-o’-lantern. (Stencils only. Pumpkin & carving tools not supplied).

Take-Home Kit: Stress Relief Friday, Oct 16
Feeling overwhelmed? We get it. Stop by and pick up one of our kits to give yourself a little much-needed stress relief.

Take & Make Kit: Yarn Crafts Saturday, Oct 17
Knit and crochet enthusiasts can pick up a yarn kit that includes fun patterns and activities plus a skein of yarn to get your project started.

Take & Make Kit: Paper Pumpkin Craft Friday, Oct 23
Decorate your home for fall with this easy craft. Grab a kit and watch our video to learn how to make pumpkins from scrap paper, old books, or color your own. They can be dark and scary or bright and fun!

Take & Make Kit: Blackout Poetry Friday, Oct 30
Pick up a take-home kit and blend visual expression and doodling with poetry as you make your own poems from the pages of old books. Will your poems be dark and spooky or lyrical and upbeat?

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING

STEM at Home

Thursdays, Oct 8, 15, & 22. 6:30 p.m.
Join us virtually for fun Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math related activities you can do at home. We’ll post video challenges and demonstrations via Facebook and provide a materials list so you can gather your own, or you can stop by and pick up a STEM kit. Kits available for pickup on STEM Thursdays, first come, first served or call Youth Services to reserve. While supplies last.

VIRTUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Supplies available for pickup Oct 19–24. For ages 17 & under.
Pick up pumpkin decorating supplies at the library starting Oct 19 through Oct 24. Decorate your pumpkin (not included) with the silly supplies provided, then submit a photo of your creation on our Facebook page. Pumpkins will be judged by staff with winners and prizes announced October 31. Limited number of kits available each day while supplies last.

ADULT SERVICES PROGRAMMING

5 Books in 5 Minutes

Saturdays, Oct 3 & 24. 10 a.m.
Looking for your next favorite book? Join us on Facebook for 5 book talks in 5 minutes! In this video series, we briefly review 5 books from 5 different genres in 5 minutes. Watch and discover something new to read.

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YOUTH SPOOKY, CREATIVE FUN

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