

PROGRAM GUIDE

Fall 2023/Winter 2024



Vietnam Program—Film
The Scent of Green Papaya (1993)
Directed by Tran Anh Hung



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MEET THE AUTHOR



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Scare Your Soul: 7 Powerful Principles to Harness Fear and Lead Your Most Courageous Life

Book by Scott Simon

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Happiness entrepreneur Scott Simon will discuss his new book, *Scare Your Soul: 7 Powerful Principles to Harness Fear and Lead Your Most Courageous Life*. With stories and research on happiness and courage, he provides practical ways for us all to be braver in the most important areas of our lives. Simon has spoken around the world, motivated people at schools and companies and has given a TEDx Talk. Books will be available for sale and signing.



MEET THE AUTHOR

Cleveland Noir

Presented by Miesha Wilson Headen

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Cleveland Noir navigates the dregs of the North Shore, where Eliot Ness hunted for a serial killer and the murder of Marilyn Sheppard made national headlines. Award winning journalist and the former mayor of Richmond Heights, Miesha Wilson Headen, along with select contributors present *Cleveland Noir*, an anthology edited by Headen with Michael Ruhlman. Books will be available for sale and signing.



MEET THE AUTHOR

This is Christmas, Song by Song: The Stories Behind 100 Holiday Hits

Book by Annie Zaleski

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Break out the eggnog, hang the mistletoe, blast those Christmas songs and settle down in your favorite armchair with this beautifully illustrated book exploring behind-the-scenes stories of the 100 most cherished holiday songs of all time and their everlasting impact. Annie Zaleski is an award winning writer of four books and credits that include *Rolling Stone*, *Billboard* and R.E.M.'s liner notes. Books will be available for sale and signing.

MEET THE AUTHOR

NORTHERN OHIO WRITERS GUILD

MEET THE AUTHOR

A Visit with the Northern Ohio Writers Guild

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Join us for a special Meet the Author panel featuring seven members of the Northern Ohio Writers Guild. Emilia Rosa, Wendy Fedan, P.J. Grondin, Darlene Kuncytes, Breshea Anglin, R.J. Norgard and Andi Lawrencovna will discuss the books they have written— each from a unique genre. Library Director James Crawford will lead the conversation.





**Knit & Lit
Book Club**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Meeting Room**

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress.

October 17, 2023
*The Southern Book Club's
Guide to Slaying Vampires*
by Grady Hendrix

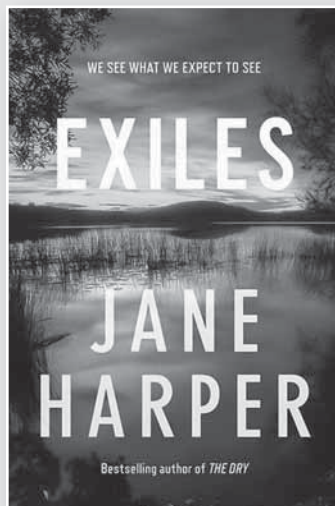
November 21, 2023
*Born a Crime: Stories from
a South African Childhood*
by Trevor Noah

December
No meeting.

January 16, 2024
The Bear and the Nightingale
by Katherine Arden

February 20, 2024
Fight Night
by Miriam Toews

March 19, 2024
The Paris Library
by Janet Skeslien Charles



**Booked for Murder
Book Club**

**Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Meeting Room**

If you share a passion for mystery, join the group each month to discuss your favorites and selections made by group members.

October 19, 2023
Killers of a Certain Age
by Deanna Raybourn

November 16, 2023
Exiles
by Jane Harper

December
No Meeting

January 18, 2024
A Murder at Balmoral
by Chris McGeorge

February 15, 2024
Murder Wheel
by Tom Mead

March 21, 2024
Transcription
by Kate Atkinson

LAKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

The mission of the Lakewood Historical Society is to enhance the quality of life in Lakewood by offering educational programs for all ages, providing stewardship of artifacts and buildings and advocating for our historic community.

 *The Lakewood
Historical Society*
established 1952



GARY HUNTER

PRESENTATION

The History of Route 6

Presented by Gary Hunter

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium

Come learn about the history of U.S. Route 6, 3,652 miles of adventure from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the longest, oldest and highest transcontinental highway in America. Presenter Gary Hunter is the Executive Director of historic Route 6 for the State of Ohio.

MORE PROGRAMMING



WORKSHOP

Connecting for Kids Workshop: Navigating IEPs, 504s & ETRs

Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Main Library Multipurpose Room

What is the difference between an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and 504 plan? How do you request an evaluation if you suspect your child could use some additional support? What is an Evaluation Team Report (ETR)? Navigating the world of special education may seem overwhelming at first. Join Connecting for Kids staff as they help you understand the process so that you can more effectively work with the school to help your child. **Register at connectingforkids.org/register-adult. Childcare is available for this event, but registration is required.**

MORE PROGRAMMING



PRESENTATION

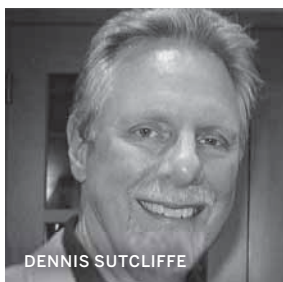
Bomb City USA: The Danny Greene Era

Presented by Dennis Sutcliffe

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

After being expelled from Collinwood High School, St. Ignatius and the Boy Scouts during a troubled childhood, Danny Greene went on to become the Irish-American gangster known as "The Irishman." When he and John Nardi tried to muscle in on the Cleveland Mob's operations during the 1970's, the result was a bloody mob war that left Cleveland with the moniker "Bomb City, USA!" Presenter Dennis Sutcliffe is a local author, historian and the creator of the well-known Lost Cleveland Memories program.



PRESENTATION

A Visit with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sara Lucy Bagby

Presented by Women in History

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Sara Lucy Bagby (1833-1906), one of the last people to suffer under the provisions of the Fugitive Slave Act, and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020) were born one hundred years apart, but both had a significant impact on our country. Robin Pease and Juliette Regnier from Women in History bring these historical figures back to life with individual monologues in period costumes, followed by a question and answer session with the audience.



VIETNAM PROGRAMS

Explore the Vietnamese diaspora and the experiences of Vietnamese refugees, and celebrate Vietnamese literature, poetry, film, faith traditions, art and culture.



VIETNAM PROGRAM—EXHIBIT

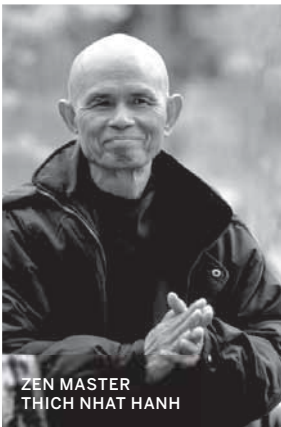
Special Exhibition Les Bird: Vietnamese Refugee Photographs

January 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024
Main Library Second Floor Gallery

After the fall of Saigon, millions of people fled Vietnam. Many did so by the only means available to them, by sea. During this time, Hong Kong Marine Police Commander Les Bird patrolled the South China Sea and witnessed first-hand the desperate struggles of those attempting to reach freedom. While some were successful, many others failed and were lost at sea.



When circumstances permitted, Les Bird took photographs of the unfolding humanitarian crisis. A selection of these photographs is on display in the Main Library Second Floor Gallery. In an accompanying video, Bird explains the riveting story behind each photo.



VIETNAM PROGRAM—DOCUMENTARY

A Cloud Never Dies (2022)

Produced by Plum Village
Continuous Screening
January 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024
(27 minutes)
Main Library First Floor Lobby

A new biographical documentary of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh narrated by actor Peter Coyote, this film weaves together original film and photographic archives, telling the story of a humble young Vietnamese monk and poet whose wisdom and compassion were forged in the suffering of war.



In the face of violence, fear, and discrimination, Thich Nhat Hanh's courageous path of engaged action reveals how insight, community and a deep aspiration to serve the world can offer hope, peace and a way forward for millions.

VIETNAM PROGRAMS



VIETNAM PROGRAM—FAITH TRADITIONS

Vietnamese Faith Traditions: Buddhism and Roman Catholicism

Presented by Professor Ellen Posman
Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium

Cleveland's Vietnamese Buddhist temples, including Quan Am Temple and Chua Vien Quang Temple and St. Boniface Catholic Church have served Vietnamese Americans for years. Join Professor Ellen Posman, Chair of the Department of Religion at Baldwin Wallace University, in an exploration of Vietnamese Catholicism and Vietnamese Buddhism.



VIETNAM PROGRAM—ART

Vietnamese Art: Its History, Traditions and Modern Flourishing

Presented by Katie Kilroy Blaser
Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium

Join Katie Kilroy Blaser of the Cleveland Museum of Art's Asian Art Department for a discussion of the beauty of Vietnamese art from its rich traditions to modern art scene. Learn more about Vietnamese art with a particular focus on blue-and-white ceramics and modern painting.

Image: Ewer in the Shape of a Dragon, 1400s. Vietnam. Porcelain with underglaze blue; overall: 28.3 x 15 cm (11 1/8 x 5 7/8 in.). The Cleveland Museum of Art, Bequest of Mrs. Severance A. Millikin 1989.359



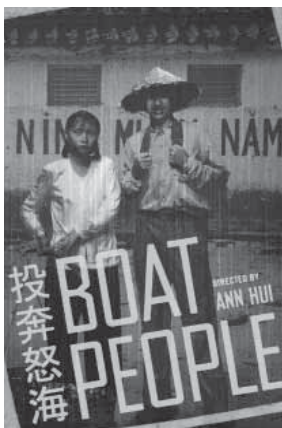
VIETNAM PROGRAM—LITERATURE AND POETRY

WordStage Performance— Call Me By My True Names: The Poetry of Thich Nhat Hanh

Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium

Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk and one of the most revered and influential spiritual teachers in the world, committed his life to spreading messages of compassion, mindfulness, and nonviolence. This kind, gentle monk was a prolific author, poet, teacher and peace activist who was exiled from Vietnam after opposing the war in the 1960s. Thich Nhat Hanh's instructive writing and inspiring poetry remain relevant in an ever turbulent world.

VIETNAM PROGRAMS



VIETNAM PROGRAM—FILM *The Boat People* (1982)

Directed by Ann Hui
Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
(109 minutes)
Main Library Auditorium

Three years after the Communist takeover, a Japanese photojournalist travels to Vietnam to document the country's seemingly triumphant rebirth. When he befriends a teenage girl and her destitute family, however, he begins to discover the brutal, often shocking reality of life in a repressive country. **Cantonese and Japanese with English subtitles.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM—DOCUMENTARY *Finding the Virgo* (2018)

Directed by Barre Fong
Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
(49 minutes)
Main Library Auditorium

Finding the Virgo—Brave seven-year-old Lauren Vuong escaped Vietnam with her family and fifty-seven other refugees on a small wooden fishing boat. After ten days at sea, they were lost and depleted of food, water and fuel. Death seemed imminent. A U.S. flagged cargo ship, the *Virgo*, spotted them and the captain ordered their rescue. Lauren Vuong's decades-long search for the heroic captain and crew of the *Virgo* is a moving story of compassion, gratitude and humanity at its best.



VIETNAM PROGRAM—FILM *The Scent of Green Papaya* (1993)

Directed by Tran Anh Hung
Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
(104 minutes)
Main Library Auditorium

Winner of the 1993 Cannes Caméra d'Or award, this film captures the beauty of Vietnam and its people. Set in the 1940s and 1960s, this film follows the life of an innocent, keenly observant young child named Mui. Highly reviewed by Roger Ebert, this film "is of great visual beauty; watching it is like a poem for the eyes." **Vietnamese with English subtitles.**

VIETNAM PROGRAMS



VAAN NGUYEN

VIETNAM PROGRAM—DOCUMENTARY

The Journey of Vaan Nguyen (2005)

Directed by Duki Dror

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(90 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

This internationally acclaimed Israeli documentary follows Vaan Nguyen and her life and struggles as an Israeli-born, Hebrew-speaking Vietnamese. Her father was one of the many boat people who fled Vietnam and one of only a few who found asylum in Israel. When the family returns to Vietnam hoping they can reclaim their confiscated lands, their journey becomes a parable on the loss of identity and the fate of refugees. **English, Hebrew and Vietnamese with English subtitles.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM—FILM

Journey from the Fall (2006)

Directed by Ham Tran

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(135 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

After her South Vietnamese Army husband Long is imprisoned in a North Vietnamese re-education camp, Mai, her son Lai, and her mother-in-law escape Vietnam by boat in the hopes of starting a new life in Southern California. While Mai struggles under the pressures of life in a new country, Long learns his family is alive in America and is reinvigorated and decides he must join them at any cost. **Vietnamese with English subtitles.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM—DOCUMENTARY

Bolinao 52 (2007)

Directed by Duc Nguyen

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(57 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

A Vietnamese ship with refugees was stranded in the Pacific Ocean in 1988. During their thirty-seven days at sea, the group encountered violent storms, engine failures and abject hunger and thirst. The fifty-two out of the one-hundred-and-ten boat people who survived were rescued by Filipino fishermen who brought them to Bolinao in the Philippines. **English and Vietnamese with English subtitles.**



DIRECTOR
DUC NGUYEN

VIETNAM PROGRAMS



VIETNAM PROGRAM—FILM

***Story of Pao* (2006)**

Directed by Quang Hai Ngo

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(88 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

Vietnam is a multi-ethnic country made up of fifty-four ethnic groups. Set in the breath-taking landscapes of the mountainous provinces of Vietnam, this film tells the story of a beautiful Hmong girl named Pao and her quest to find family, happiness and love. A graceful, poetic film that reveals Vietnam's and its peoples' beauty. **Vietnamese with English subtitles.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM

ENGAGING YOUNG READERS AND SCHOLARS

Reading the narratives and stories of the lives and struggles of others, including refugees, promotes understanding and empathy. Acclaimed Vietnamese American authors, Doan Phuong Nguyen and Thi Bui, will be sharing their experiences and stories with Lakewood students.

Thi Bui will be engaging Lakewood High School and St. Edward High School students in a discussion of her graphic novel, *The Best We Could Do*, a beautifully illustrated and moving memoir about her family's daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s, and the difficulties they faced building new lives for themselves.



Doan Phuong Nguyen will be visiting Lakewood City Schools and Lakewood Catholic Academy middle school-aged students for a discussion of her novel, *Mèo and Bé*, a young adult novel about eleven-year-old Bé and her three-footed kitten Mèo who must rise above the injustices of war to find the comfort, safety and love of a found family.

Terry Meehan—Alfred Hitchcock: Capping a Career

Terry Meehan presents a new series, *Alfred Hitchcock: Capping a Career* introducing each film with an original video followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.



TERRY MEEHAN FILM SERIES

Alfred Hitchcock: Capping a Career *Marnie* (1964)

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Presented by Terry Meehan

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (130 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

Marnie Edgar (Tippi Hedren) has a habit of charming her way into responsible positions at firms that have a lot of cash lying around. After a few months on the job, she would arrange to pay herself a large executive bonus and then disappear. Eventually she applies for a position at a publishing company owned by Mark Rutland (Sean Connery) who knows about her but hires her anyway—and falls in love.



TERRY MEEHAN FILM SERIES

Alfred Hitchcock: Capping a Career *Frenzy* (1972)

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Presented by Terry Meehan

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (116 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

Richard Blaney (Jon Finch) has just been fired from his job at a pub near Covent Garden—but that's just the beginning of his run of bad luck. The “necktie killer” is on the loose in London, and Blaney is getting the blame. His pal, Bob Rusk (Barry Foster), provides moral support, and also possesses an impressive collection of fashionable neckties.



TERRY MEEHAN FILM SERIES

Alfred Hitchcock: Capping a Career *Family Plot* (1976)

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Presented by Terry Meehan

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (120 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

Fake psychic Blanche Tyler (Barbara Harris) and her boyfriend George Lumley (Bruce Dern) are offered \$10,000 to locate the nephew of wealthy dowager Julia Rainbird (Cathleen Nesbitt). In his final film, Hitchcock sets the two couples on a suspenseful (and comical) collision course.

Barbara Steffek-Hill Five-Star Films

In her new series, Five-Star Films, Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.



BARBARA STEFFEK-HILL FIVE-STAR FILMS *Shanghai Express* (1932)

Directed by Josef von Sternberg

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

(82 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

The notorious Shanghai Lily (Marlene Dietrich) is traveling by train to Shanghai, much to the dismay of her fellow travelers. As the journey begins, Lily finds an old flame among her fellow passengers in Donald 'Doc' Harvey (Clive Brook). When Chinese soldiers stop the train to seek out a rebel agent, the reunited duo is torn apart once again.



BARBARA STEFFEK-HILL FIVE-STAR FILMS *Road House* (1948)

Directed by Jean Negulesco

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

(95 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

Jefty Robbins (Richard Widmark) has booked the lovely Lily Stevens (Ida Lupino) as the newest torch singer at his roadhouse. While Jefty welcomes the tough-talking Lily with open arms, his manager Pete Morgan (Cornel Wilde) gives her a cold reception. When Lily turns on the charm, both men find themselves at odds as they pursue the sultry singer.



BARBARA STEFFEK-HILL FIVE-STAR FILMS *Brief Encounter* (1945)

Directed by David Lean

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(86 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

An accidental meeting turns into an ongoing Thursday lunch and movie date for Laura (Celia Johnson) and Alec (Trevor Howard). The pair happily spend hours together, and romance blossoms. Both are married to other people, and neither wants to hurt their loved ones. As the stakes rise, they must decide what to do about their doomed romance.



BARBARA STEFFEK-HILL FIVE-STAR FILMS

Out of the Past (1947)

Directed by Jacques Tourneur

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(97 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

The quiet life of small-town gas station owner Jeff Bailey (Robert Mitchum) is interrupted when a figure from his shady past, small-time crook Joe Stephanos (Paul Valentine), recognizes him. Stephanos' boss, crooked gambler Whit Sterling (Kirk Douglas), had hired Jeff to track down Kathie Moffat (Jane Greer), a girlfriend who shot Whit and made off with \$40,000 of his. Jeff and Kathie fell in love, but she left him to go back to Sterling, who now wants Jeff to settle a few old scores.



BARBARA STEFFEK-HILL FIVE-STAR FILMS

Clash by Night (1952)

Directed by Fritz Lang

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(105 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

After being away for 10 years, Mae Doyle (Barbara Stanwyck) returns to her California hometown following an affair with a married politician, which came to an end when he died and his relatives sued for her inheritance. Mae begins dating Jerry (Paul Douglas), an amiable fisherman, while his bitter best friend, Earl (Robert Ryan), a cynic married to a burlesque dancer, finds himself attracted to her. Mae and Jerry marry, but soon she gets bored and starts an affair with the just-divorced Earl.



LAKWOOD PUBLIC CINEMA DOCUMENTARY

The Lavender Scare (2017)

Directed by Josh Howard

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

(77 minutes)

Main Library Auditorium

In 1953, President Eisenhower declared gay men and lesbians to be a threat to the security of the country, leading to a forty year campaign to identify and fire all federal employees suspected of being homosexual. Frank Kameny was the first person to fight his dismissal and a man who spent the rest of his life fighting for the rights of LGBTQ people. *The Lavender Scare* tells his inspiring story.

Story Time for Children

Story time is not only fun, but provides many benefits for your child. Children who are read to from an early age are more successful in school and have larger vocabularies when they enter school. Find the story time that is right for you and join us for an engaging half hour that encourages social, emotional and cognitive development.

Registration is required unless noted. Register online at lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.



STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN

Just Baby 'N Me For You and Your Birth to 24-Month-Old Toddler

Session I: September 11, 2023 - October 5, 2023;
Registration begins July 17, 2023

Session II: October 9, 2023 - November 2, 2023;
Registration begins September 11, 2023

Session III: January 8, 2024 - February 1, 2024;
Registration begins October 30, 2023

Session IV: February 5, 2024 - February 29, 2024;
Registration begins January 2, 2024

Session V: March 4, 2024 - March 28, 2024;
Registration begins February 6, 2024

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Main Library Toddlers' Story Room

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Just Baby 'N Me is a lap-sit story time ideal for babies from birth through early walkers. The focus is on rhymes, songs, finger plays and exploring short books together. Just Baby 'N Me is meant to facilitate interaction between you and your baby, develop their language and early literacy skills and give you an opportunity to meet with other parents.

Registration is required for each session.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Story Time For You and Your 2 to 5-Year-Old Child

Session I: September 12, 2023 - November 2, 2023

Session II: January 9, 2024 - March 28, 2024

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Main Library Toddlers' Story Room

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

This preschool story time is ideal for walkers, new talkers and children learning early literacy skills. You and your child will enjoy short books, songs and rhymes. The focus is on skills with your participation as a model. **No registration required.**



STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pajama Party Story Time For You and Your 2 to 6-Year-Old Pre-schooler

Session I: September 11, 2023 - October 31, 2023

Session II: January 8, 2024 - March 26, 2024

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Main Library Toddlers' Story Room

Make the Library a part of your bedtime routine with an evening story time. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas and bring their stuffed animal friends to snuggle. Join us as we wind down for the night with quiet stories, movement, fingerplays and songs. **No registration required.**



STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN

Family Weekend Wonders Drop-In Story Time For the Whole Family

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Main Library Activity Room

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Looking for weekend entertainment for the whole family? Look no further! Drop in to the Library's special weekend story time. Your whole family will enjoy these programs full of captivating stories, engaging activities, entertaining music and clever crafts. Family Weekend Wonders Drop-In Story Time is offered every weekend throughout the year and features a different theme each week to keep things engaging. **No registration required.**

Adapted Programs

Lakewood Public Library hosts hands-on programs, education and support for families with concerns about their children who are twelve years old or younger. Connecting for Kids serves all families, including children with and without formal diagnoses. **Registration is required.**



Connecting for Kids



ADAPTED PROGRAM

Music Therapy & More For You and Your Birth to 6-Year-Old Child

**Saturdays: September 16, 2023; October 14, 2023
and November 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

Main Library Toddlers' Story Room

This program is designed for children (ages Birth-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. This program is led by a Board-Certified Music Therapist.

Music Therapy & More welcomes children of all abilities. The music therapists can adapt programming for children with limited language skills, motor skills/mobility, or for children who are unable to sit for the entire program.

Registration is required. Register online at connectingforkids.org/Register-child.



ADAPTED PROGRAM

Adapted Story Time: For You and Your 3- to 7-Year-Old Child

**Saturdays: September 30, 2023; October 28, 2023
and November 25, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.**

Main Library Toddlers' Story Room

In this story time, children with varying learning styles and abilities will learn with their caregivers together in a safe supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. Story time will be followed by a time for socialization. Siblings may also attend but must register separately. **Registration is required.**

Register online at connectingforkids.org/library.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



ADAPTED PROGRAM

Elementary Music Therapy & More For Families and Their Children, Ages 7-12 Years

Thursdays: February 22, 2024 and March 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Main Library Toddlers' Story Room

This hands-on program is designed for families and their children who have disabilities or concerns about development. Join us for singing, instrument play and movement designed to improve gross motor skills, develop self-expression and practice social skills. This program is led by a Board Certified Music Therapist. **Registration is required.**

Register online at connectingforkids.org/register.



ADAPTED PROGRAM

Adapted Playgroup For You and Your Children, Ages 18 Months-6 Years

Saturdays: February 24, 2024 and March 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Main Library Toddlers' Story Room

Saturdays: February 17, 2024 and March 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Adapted Playgroup is a safe, welcoming environment for caregivers of children with concerns about development. Your child will enjoy engaging with others while practicing play and social skills. You will have the opportunity to interact with CFK's experienced Intervention Specialist who can provide tips on everything from behavior to social skills.

Registration is required. Register online at connectingforkids.org/register.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM

Homework Help For Students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

Weekdays August 28, 2023 - May 24, 2024
from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Main Library Homework Help Room and
Madison Branch

A Library staff member will be present to assist with homework and reading skills, and to distribute school supplies when needed. Students may also check out a Chromebook with their library card to use while in the Library. Students with Eureka Math™ homework will find grade-directed Homework Helpers workbooks (companion guides to Eureka Math™) in the Homework Room at the Main Library. **Homework Help will be closed for school holidays and vacations. No registration required.**

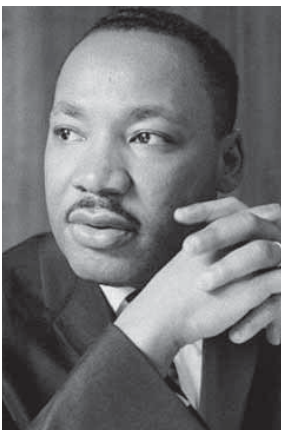


SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM

Tail Waggin' Tutors For School-Age Children

Saturdays: September 9, 2023;
October 14, 2023 and November 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
Main Library Multipurpose Room

Your child can bone up on their reading skills during a one-on-one session in a dog-friendly atmosphere. Students can practice reading with one of the dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International, an organization dedicated to regulating, testing and registering therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers. Reading to a therapy dog can provide comfort, support and happiness for self-conscious readers. **No registration required.**



SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM

Share the Dream— A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: For School-Age Children

Monday, January 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
Main Library Multipurpose Room

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through stories, songs and crafts. In honor of the MLK Jr. Day of Service, participants will create handmade cards to warm the hearts of nursing home residents. **No registration required.**

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Join us as Vietnamese culture, folklore and tradition come to life with fascinating programs, projects and activities.

Registration is required unless noted.

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VIETNAM PROGRAM

Learn About Vietnam Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, February 1, 2024 -

Monday, March 25, 2024

Main Library and Madison Branch

Did you know that water buffalo are common in Vietnam? Did you know that Vietnamese people eat using chopsticks? Did you know that you should always take off your shoes when entering a temple, holy site or private home? Discover many different aspects of everyday life in Vietnam by hunting for signs throughout the children's area of the Library. Enter your scavenger hunt sheet into a drawing to win a prize. **No registration required.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM

Let's Make A Dragon Puppet: For Students in First through Fifth Grade

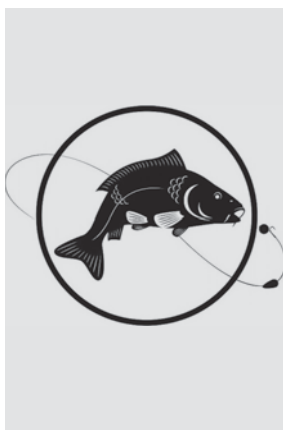
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Activity Room

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

The dragon is a very important mythical creature in Vietnamese culture. It is regarded as a symbol of power and nobility and it does not represent evil. Create this long, slinky and colorful paper dragon. Have fun with your dragon in a dragon parade. **Registration is required.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM

Create a Paper Jumping Fish: For Students in Third through Fifth Grade

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Activity Room

Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

There is a popular Vietnamese tale about a carp who turns into a dragon. The story teaches students about patience and hard work. Patience and persistence will be needed to make your own jumping fish with paper, cutting with scissors, folding and glue. **Registration is required.**

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



VIETNAM PROGRAM

Henna Art: For Students in Sixth through Twelfth Grade

Friday, February 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Activity Room

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Madison Branch Meeting Room

Made from the leaves of the Henna plant, this dye has been used throughout history to color hair, fingernails, and fabrics and to create temporary body art. Learn about the significance and traditional designs of Henna body art and get a small (temporary) tattoo!

Registration is required.



VIETNAM PROGRAM

Celebrate the Vietnamese New Year! Family Weekend Wonders Drop-In Story Time for the Whole Family

Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Main Library Activity Room

Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Celebrate the Vietnamese New Year, also known as Tet Nguyên Đán, or Festival of the First Morning of the First Day, during this special Family Weekend Wonders with Vietnamese stories for children and a craft.

No registration required.



VIETNAM PROGRAM

Make a Paper “Palm Leaf” Hat: For Students in First through Fifth Grade

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Activity Room

A leaf hat is made of palm leaves and held on the head by a silk ribbon. These hats are worn by farmers, fishermen and Vietnamese women of all ages. They have many uses including protection from the rain, a basket for carrying fruits and vegetables, as a container for water, as a fan on hot days and more.

Make your own “Palm Leaf” hat out of paper and think of how you could use it. **Registration is required.**

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



VIETNAM PROGRAM

Let's Make a Beaded Dragonfly: For Students in Third through Fifth Grade

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Main Library Activity Room

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Dragonflies, also known as dragons that fly, are a common sight in Vietnam where water lilies are found. Make your own dragonfly from pipe cleaners and beads. **Registration is required.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM

"Grow" Your Own Paper Lotus: For Students in Kindergarten through Second Grade

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Main Library Activity Room

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Madison Branch Youth Program Room

The lotus can be found throughout Vietnam floating in ponds and blooming along deltas. Every part of the blossom is used either as medicine or food. The lotus has a life cycle unlike any other plant. With its roots latched in mud, it submerges every night into river water and miraculously re-blooms the next morning, sparklingly clean. Create your own beautiful lotus to take home. **Registration is required.**



VIETNAM PROGRAM

The Story of Tấm and Cám: A Vietnamese Cinderella Story and Craft: For Students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Main Library Activity Room

Did you know that the story of Cinderella is told all over the world and each country tells it a little differently? Listen to the Cinderella story the way it is told to children in Vietnam and make a Cinderella craft to take home. **Registration is required.**

Space is the Place

Northeast Ohio will experience an annular solar eclipse on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Join Lakewood Public Library as we host activities for children and youth to learn more about space during the month of October. **Registration is required unless noted. Register online at lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.**



SPACE IS THE PLACE

Space Scavenger Hunt: For All Ages

Sunday, October 1, 2023 -

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Main Library and Madison Branch

Children are invited to participate in a space scavenger hunt by looking for space-related pictures, such as planets and astronauts. Enter your completed scavenger hunt sheet in a drawing for a prize.

No registration is required.



SPACE IS THE PLACE

UV Kid: For Students in First through Fifth Grade

Friday, October 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Activity Room

Friday, October 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Madison Branch Youth Program Room

We see and feel the sun every day but in this program, you will get to control its effects on the human body. Make creations out of special ultraviolet-sensitive beads and other materials we provide, then use our ultraviolet flashlights to see the sun's effects.

Registration is required.



SPACE IS THE PLACE

Searching for Life: For Students in Fifth through Eighth Grade

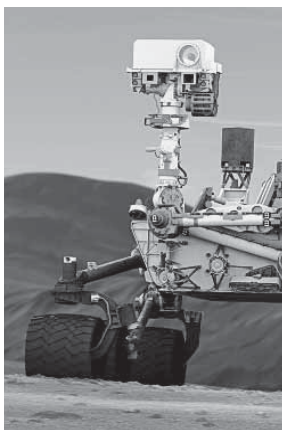
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Activity Room

Life as we know it only exists on Earth, but NASA has missions planned to explore other candidates, including Mars, Europa and exoplanets beyond our Solar System. How do you define life? Students observe soil samples of different materials and search for different characteristics of life.

Registration is required.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



SPACE IS THE PLACE

Rover Races: For Students in Third through Fifth Grade

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Main Library Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Madison Branch Meeting Room

Learning about how we use rovers to explore other worlds is exciting! Participants work in teams to model the process for communicating with a rover on Mars, to build programming skills, and understand the effects of time-delay. **Registration is required.**



SPACE IS THE PLACE

Pinwheel Galaxy: For Students in First through Fifth Grade

Friday, October 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Main Library Activity Room

Friday, October 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Madison Branch Youth Program Room

You are in a state, which is in a country, which is on a planet, Earth. Earth is in a solar system, which is inside a galaxy called the Milky Way—just one of the trillions of galaxies in the universe. Another galaxy called the Pinwheel Galaxy is spiral shaped and is located twenty-one million light years away from Earth. Hold a little part of our big universe in your hands by making your own version of this galaxy. **Registration is required.**



SPACE IS THE PLACE

Galaxy Slime: For Students in First through Fifth Grade

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Main Library Activity Room

Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Galaxies look like sparkly streaks and swirls in the night sky when viewed from here on Earth. They are made of millions or even billions of stars! Make your own colorful, sparkly galaxy slime using glue, cornstarch, food colors and glitter. Practice in basic measuring skills and learning how slime ingredients combine are extra benefits to the slimy fun. **Registration is required.**

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAM

Girls Who Code For Students in Sixth through Twelfth Grade

- September 11, 2023 ... Robots with Micro:bit
- September 18, 2023... Exploring Music and Sound with Circuit Playground
- September 25, 2023... YouTube Funny Animals Video Re-creation (Scratch)
- October 2, 2023..... Cybersecurity Adventure (Python)
- October 9, 2023..... Kaleidoscope Art (Python)
- October 16, 2023 My Superhero Website (HTML/CSS)
- October 23, 2023..... Generating Random Messages using JavaScript
- October 30, 2023 Halloween-themed Quiz (Python)
- November 6, 2023..... Rock, Paper, Scissors using Scratch, Python or JavaScript
- November 13, 2023 Environmental Public Service Announcements (Scratch)

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Main Library Computer Connections Room

Are you a 6th through 12th grade student interested in learning more about computer science? Join our Girls Who Code Club this fall! **Registration is required.**

Each session is a separate registration.

Register online at lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.



YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAM

SAT and ACT Mini Boot Camps by College Now: For Students in Eleventh or Twelfth Grade

SAT Mini Boot Camp

Saturdays: September 23, 2023 and September 30, 2023
Registration opens Monday, August 28, 2023

ACT Mini Boot Camp

Saturdays: October 14, 2023 and October 21, 2023
Registration opens Monday, August 28, 2023

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Multipurpose Room

This free Boot Camp, hosted by College Now Greater Cleveland's team of college access experts, is for eleventh and twelfth graders who seek to improve their potential to achieve a competitive score on the SAT or ACT. Space is limited. **Registration is required.**

Each session is a separate registration.

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Monday through Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Madison Branch

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Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday through Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Closing Dates

Sunday, September 3, 2023 Sunday before Labor Day

Monday, September 4, 2023 Labor Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023 Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31, 2023 New Year’s Eve (close at 6:00 p.m.)

Monday, January 1, 2024 New Year’s Day