STARK J LIBRARY Summer Events 2025 **NORTH BRANCH**

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to explore ALL Events!

E Early Learners | L Elementary | W Tweens | T Teens | A Adults

SUMMER CHALLENGE

STORYTIME & MORE

Storytime & More EL Family

Tue | 10:00am-10:45am JUN 3 through JUL 29

Storytime & More E

Preschool

Wed | 10:00am-11:00am JUN 4 through JUL 30

Please Note: There will be no Storytime the week of JUN 30.

Father's Day Storytime EL

JUN 21 | 10:00am-11:00am

We're going on a bear hunt! Dads, father figures, and kids enjoy storytime along with an adventure to find the bear. Follow up by making a map and bear snack to take home.

Summer Challenge & More Kickoff

JUN 2 | 2:00pm-3:30pm

Color Our World with two activities for all ages. Create collaborative art to display in the library and design a summer journal to take home. **ELWTA**

Discover the Art of Cartoon **Drawing**

JUN 10 & JUL 8 | 2:00pm-3:00pm Bring your manga to life with professional cartoon artist, Douglas Laubacher! Perfect for beginner or experienced teens and tweens. WT

Tasting the Rainbow

JUL 17 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

You can taste the rainbow during this hands on presentation from a dietician from Central State University Extension. L

What a Colorful World

JUL 19 | 3:30pm-4:30pm

Get ready to spice up your shoes with water dipped shoelaces just in time for back to school. Start school in style! LWT

Wonderful Colorful Reptiles:

Presented by Stark Parks

JUL 23 | 2:00pm-3:00pm Stark Parks will introduce some of their favorite reptile friends and how they care for them. **ELWT**

Summer Challenge & More Finale Celebration

JUL 31 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

You've done a great job reading and completing activities all summer long! Now it's time to celebrate all that hard work. Stop by North Branch with your golden ticket for a free cup of Kona Ice! **ELWTA**

GET CREATIVE

Messy Play

recommended. EL

JUL 10 | 10:30am-11:30am Create, explore, and play together at the Library while building early literacy and school readiness skills. Play clothes are

Stained Glass CD Suncatchers

JUN 24 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

Create your own stained glass suncatchers, the perfect upcycle project full of color and fun. **LWT**



POPCORN & A MOVIE

Popcorn and a Movie: Mufasa: The Lion King (rated PG)

JUN 4 | 2:30pm-4:30pm **ELWTA**

Popcorn and a Movie: Moana 2 (rated PG)

JUL 15 | 6:00pm-7:45pm **ELWTA**

Popcorn and a Movie: Wicked

(rated PG)

AUG 16 | 2:00pm-4:45pm LWTA

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CLUBS, GAMES & MORE

Chess Club

Mon | 6:00pm-7:45pm JUN 2 through AUG 25 Whether you are a beginner, novice, or expert, the whole family is invited to join the fun! Chess boards are provided. LWTA

Book Club: Beautiful Day

Book Club A

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

JUN 5 | 11:00am–12:00pm Sipsworth by Simon Von Booy

JUL 3 | 11:00am-12:00pm

The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki

AUG 14 | 11:00am-12:00pm

Last Player Standing: Squid Game Inspired Challenge

JUN 7 | 2:00pm-4:00pm

Get your gganbu together and test your skills! Can you beat red light, green light? What's your marble game? How's your tug-of-war stance? Only one can win. A

Knitting Club: Knorth Knitters

JUN 9 & 23 | 2:00pm-4:00pm JUL 14 & 28 | 2:00pm-4:00pm AUG 11 & 25 | 2:00pm-4:00pm Do you love to knit or want to learn? Join other knitters and crocheters and have fun in a laid-back atmosphere. Share tips and tricks, and work on community projects together. A

Book Club: Banned Books A

Melissa by Alex Gino

JUN 23 | 11:00am-12:00pm

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

JUL 28 | 11:00am–12:00pm

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews

AUG 25 | 11:00am-12:00pm

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Caregiver Support Group

JUN 10, JUL 8, AUG 12 |

2:00pm-3:30pm

A support group for caregivers of aging or disabled loved ones led by Direction Home. Attendees receive information about resources and support to aid in their caregiving.

Picnic Food Safety & Food Expiration Dates

JUL 2 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Just in time for July 4th and summer family reunions! Make sure the food you share is safe from harmful bacteria and stored at the correct temperature. A

Spice it Up!: Cilantro

AUG 6 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Learn about cilantro's origins, the health benefits it might have, how to use it, what it tastes like, and watch a demonstration on how to cook with it. Presented by Central State University Extension. A

GET CREATIVE

Stash Busters

JUN 10, JUL 8, AUG 12 |

6:00pm-7:30pm

Whatever your creative pastime is, bring your project and join others having fun in a laidback atmosphere. A

Colorful Resin Bookmarks

AUG 5 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

Unleash your creativity and add a splash of color to your world by crafting your very own one-of-a-kind resin bookmark! Due to limited supplies, registration is required. Bookmarks will need to be left at the library to cure in their molds. They can be picked up starting August 7. A

CULTURE, HISTORY & EDUCATION

Dr. Richard Murray: Pioneer in Gender Affirming Surgery



JUN 11 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Youngstown native Dr. Richard Murray was a pivotal figure in the history of gender affirming surgery in Ohio. Learn about his life's work. Presented by TransOhio. A

Discover Stark Library

JUN 12 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Travel through time as we explore how Stark Library began, grew and continues to be an important part of the community. **A**

Movie & Discussion: Judas and the Black Messiah (rated R)

JUN 17 | 5:00pm-7:30pm

Based on the true events surrounding the betrayal of prominent Black Panther activist Fred Hampton by an FBI informant. Film will begin at 5:00pm with a discussion at 7:00pm. A

Coffee with a Cop

JUL 24 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Spend an hour with the Officers of the Canton Police Department getting to know how they protect and interact with our community. A

Why You Should Love Dirt!

AUG 21 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Soil may appear to be dead but in fact it is the site of incredibly complex and intricate ecosystems. Fascinating things are going on under our feet, so it is time to show dirt some respect! A

