

Main Library

Fall 2023 events

☑ Please register at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665.



EARLY LEARNERS

Storytime & More ☑

Family

Thu Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 26,
Nov 2, 9, 16, 30
10–10:30 am

Pajama

Tue Sep 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 24,
31, Nov 7, 14, 28
7–7:30 pm

Messy Play

Tue Oct 3 | 10–11 am

Create, explore, and play together at the Library while building early literacy and school readiness skills. Play clothes are recommended. ☑

EARLY LEARNERS & ELEMENTARY

Life Skills for Kids

Wednesdays | 2–3 pm ☑

Learning life skills starts when you're young. Join us in learning about healthy living.

Sep 20 *Dental Hygiene*

Oct 25 *Getting Dressed*

Nov 29 *Healthy Eating*

Listen at the Library

Thu Oct 12 | 10–11 am

Experience how music and literature fit together. Library staff read aloud their favorite stories while Canton Symphony Orchestra musicians provide the music.

Fall Sensory Play

Thu Oct 19 | 10–11 am

What's inside a pumpkin? Play with the gooey stuff we find inside, paint with apples, and more! Play clothes are recommended! ☑

Halloween Spooktacular!

Sat Oct 21 | 10–11 am

Spooky stories, songs, and activities await you at this special Halloween storytime. Costumes are welcome. Trick or treating at the library to follow! ☑

Excavation Adventure

Thu Nov 16 | 2–3 pm

Have you ever wondered how archeologists dig up dinosaurs? Learn all about excavation, and do some excavating of your own! ☑

ELEMENTARY

Pups and Pages

Tue Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 | 5–6 pm

Bring a book to share or borrow one of the Library's to read to licensed therapy dogs. A great way to practice reading skills in a criticism-free environment! ☑



Painting a Masterpiece

Mon Sep 11 | 5:30–6:30 pm

Find inspiration while you learn about some famous Hispanic artists and their paintings! Paint a masterpiece while listening to Hispanic music. ☑

ELEMENTARY-TEENS

Food Art

Sat Oct 21 | 3–4 pm

Show your skills in decorating by shaping food and sweets to meet our challenges. ☑

Dinosaurs @ Your Library

Thu Nov 9 | 3–4 pm

Celebrate DiNovember with some dino-mite crafts and RAWR-some games. ☑

TWEENS & TEENS

Cosplay Design Lab

Mon Sep 25 | 6–7 pm

Learn about garment design and construction. Design a mask with clay while you brainstorm. ☑

Frankentoy Laboratory

Mon Oct 16 | 5–7:30 pm

Now's your chance to cobble together the odds and ends of forgotten toys. What strange and twisted creation will you devise? ☑

TWEEN-ADULTS

Guatemalan Worry Dolls

Mon Sep 18 | 5:30–7 pm

Feeling troubled or anxious? Make a worry doll. Guatemalan folklore claims that these dolls have the power to ease your mind. ☑



Friendly Fears Series

Snakes

Tue Oct 10 | 5:30–6:30 pm

Stark Parks' experts will show off these misunderstood reptiles. ☑

Insects

Mon Oct 16 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Explore the diversity of insects and their essential roles with Dr. Matthew Lehnert. ☑

Akron Zoo

Sat Oct 28 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

We're bringing the zoo to you. See how friendly some of the most-feared creatures actually are. All ages welcome! ☑

TEENS

Teen Writing Workshop

Mon Sep, Oct 2, Nov 6
5:30–6:30 pm

Putting your thoughts to paper and get creative! ☑

Teen Board Game Night

Mon Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13
5–6 pm

Enjoy an evening of dice-rolling, card-playing, turn-taking fun. ☑

Stop Motion Animation

Thu Sep 14 | 3–4:30 pm

Direct your own short film using stop-motion techniques. ☑

TEENS & ADULTS

Observing the October Annular Solar Eclipse

Sat Oct 7 | 10–11 am

Join astronomer Dave Gill and get ready for the eclipse on Oct 14. ☑

Young Voices of the Community

Sat Oct 7 | 1–3 pm

Join our young voices as they discuss the organizations they partner with and their plans for the future of Stark County.

Volunteer Expo

Sat Nov 4 | 11 am–2 pm

Give back this season. Conncet with local organizations in need of volunteers.

What is FAFSA?

Mon Nov 6 | 6–7 pm

How does it work? The Kent State University Financial Aid Office will be here to explain how to prepare for the 2024-2025 School Year. ☑

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HOURS

Hours through Sep 9

Mon–Wed..... 9 am–8 pm

Thu–Sat 9 am–5 pm

New Expanded Hours starting Sep 10

Mon–Thu..... 9 am–8 pm

Fri–Sat 9 am–5 pm

Closed Sep 4 (Labor Day), open until 5 pm Nov 22, and closed Nov 23 (Thanksgiving).

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SERVICES

Public Computers
Wireless Internet Access
Wireless Printing
Print, Copy, Scan, Fax
Book Drop
Passports
Notary
Meeting Rooms
Study Rooms

ADULTS

Knitting Club

Wednesdays | 10 am–12 pm

Share tips and tricks, and work on projects together.

Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project

Sat Sep 9 | 12–1 pm

Joann Sahl from the University of Akron School of Law will explain what the project is and how to apply for the service. ✓

Philosophy Club

Sat Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 | 1–3 pm

Enjoy intellectual conversation, philosophical musings, and thoughtful exploration. ✓

Meet Author Irv Korman

Tue Sep 12 | 2–3 pm

What's it like to interview sensations like Tony Bennett, Peter Dinklage, and John Lithgow? Get the insider details from local author Irv Korman! ✓

Creative Writing Club

Wed Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 | 6–7 pm

Engage with fellow writers, discuss what you're writing (and reading), and read your work aloud. ✓

Scandals In Early Hollywood

Sat Sep 23 | 11 am–12 pm

Step into the glitz and glamour of the silver screen's past with Dr. Leslie Heaphy. ✓

Retirement Prep: Medicare 101

Tue Sep 26 | 11 am–12 pm

Get help navigating Medicare from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program. ✓

Latin Dance with R&J Ballroom

Tue Sep 26 | 1–2 pm

Become immersed in the rhythms of Latin music and lose yourself in the moves. Be sure to wear clothes and shoes that you can move and groove in! ✓

German-Speaking Canton

Tue Oct 3 | 6–7 pm

Richard Haldi will talk about how Canton's German culture and language almost disappeared. ✓

An Afternoon with the Ohio Poet Laureate

Wed Oct 4 | 2–3 pm

Visit virtually with Ohio Poet Laureate, Kari Gunter-Seymour, as she discusses the importance of poetry. ✓

Genealogy Round Table

Sat Oct 7 | 10–11:30 am

Bring your research questions and enjoy a discussion with a panel of genealogists to help guide you. ✓

Meet Author Kim Kenney

Tue Oct 10 | 2–3 pm

Kim is the author of eight books, including *Exploring the American Presidency Through 50 Historic Treasures* and *Stark County Food*. ✓

Meet Best-Selling Author Stephanie Land

Tue Oct 17 | 6:30 pm

Canton Palace Theatre

Stephanie shares her compelling story of living in poverty as a single mom. Her book inspired Netflix's series, *Maid*, starring Andie MacDowell. ✓



Paint Your Family Tree

Tue Oct 24 | 6–7:30 pm

Learn the basics of tracing your ancestry. Then, paint your own family tree, bringing generations of your heritage to life! ✓

Mental Health 101

Wed Oct 25 | 5:30–6:30 pm

NAMI will help us gain a deeper understanding of mental health and mental illness. ✓

Ohio's Urban Legends

Sat Oct 28 | 2–3 pm

Have you ever wondered why Ohio is such a haunted state? Learn the origins behind some of Ohio's spookiest spots with the Ohio Researchers of Banded Spirits. ✓

Serving Those Who Served Our Country - Panel

Fri Nov 17 | 2–3 pm

Discover services and that enrich the lives of those who have defended our nation and their families.

The Native American Code Talkers

Thu Nov 9 | 11 am–12 pm

Join Dr. James Seelye from Kent State University as he explores the history of Native Americans Code Talkers and the role they played in the U.S. Armed Forces. ✓

ALL AGES

Chess Club

Mondays | 5:30–7:45 pm

All levels. Chess boards provided. ✓

Día de los Muertos Celebration

Wed Nov 1 | 5–7 pm

Dive into the spirit of Día de los Muertos! Whether you come for the storytime, the cultural crafts, or to learn more about the holiday, there'll be something for everyone.

The Fossils of Ohio

Presented by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Sat Nov 18 | 2–3 pm

Jeb Bugos is coming to discuss Ohio's rich fossil history and the different kinds that can be found in our state. ✓

Corn Husk Dolls

Mon Nov 20 | 5:30–6:30 pm

Learn about this Native American tradition and make your own. ✓

BOOK CLUBS

Read Around the World

Tuesdays | 6–7 pm ✓

Sep 5 *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui

Oct 3 *How to Order the Universe* by María José Ferrada

Nov 7 *Woman of Light* by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

Saturday Sizzlers

Saturdays | 2–3 pm ✓

Sep 16 *Children of the Land* by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo

Oct 21 *The Cat Who Saved Books* by Sôsuke Natsukawa

Nov 18 *The Removed* by Brandon Hobson

MAKE IT @ YOUR LIBRARY

Getting to Know the Maker Studio

Wed Sep 27 | 10–11 am

Mon Oct 16 | 2–3 pm

Tue Nov 14 | 6–7 pm

Learn about the Maker Studio and the equipment that is available for you to use for your projects. ✓

Scrunchie Sew-cial

Thu Sep 28 | 10–11:30 am

Tue Oct 10 | 2–3:30 pm

Develop your sewing skills and leave with a handmade scrunchie. ✓

Cricut Crafting

Saturdays | 2–3:30 pm ✓

Oct 28 *Canvas Tote Bag*

Nov 28 *Watercolor Pen Cards*

TECHNOLOGY

iPad Basics

Wed Sep 6 | 10–11:30 am

Learn how to get the most out of your iPad. We recommend bringing your iPad with you. ✓

Cutting the Cord

Thu Sep 14 | 10–11:30 am

Ditch cable and learn how to turn a standard flat-screen TV into a Smart TV. ✓

3D Printer Keychain

Tue Sep 19 | 6–7:30 pm

Design a keychain and then print it on the 3D printer! ✓

Audacity 101

Sat Sep 23 | 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to record audio and do basic edits to get just the sound you want. ✓

Introduction to Canva

Wed Oct 4 | 10–11 am

Canva is a free graphic design tool that allows you to create beautiful, professional content yourself. ✓

PowerPoint I & II

Thu Oct 12, 19 | 2–3:30 pm

Two-part series. ✓

LinkedIn Learning

Tue Oct 24 | 6–7:30 pm

Gain access to free classes taught by experts on various topics. Bring your library card to create your own account and get started. ✓

Excel I & II

Thu Oct 26, Nov 2 | 2–3:30 pm

Two-part series. ✓

Digital Conversion

Fri Nov 3 | 2–3:30 pm

Learn to convert VHS, records, cassette tapes, or 8mm film into digital files. ✓

Cloud Storage Basics

Tue Nov 7 | 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to use cloud storage such as Google Drive, OneDrive, and Dropbox. ✓

Using Google Calendar

Thu Nov 30 | 10–11 am

Create and share schedules and tasks with this digital calendar. ✓