**EARLY LEARNERS**

**Storytime & More**
Storytimes open up the world of books, music, culture, and play to young children and their families. 🌟

**Baby / Toddler**
Tue Sep 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10–10:30 am

**Preschool**
Tue Sep 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11–11:30 am

**Music**
Wed Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 | 10–10:30 am and 11–11:30 am

**Halloween Storytime**
Celebrate the spookiest time of year with a special storytime. Wear a costume! 🎃

**Baby & Toddler**
Tue Oct 31 | 10–10:30 am

**Preschool**
Tue Oct 31 | 11–11:30 am

**EARLY LEARNERS & ELEMENTARY**

**Listen at the Library**
Tue Oct 17 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm
Experience how music and literature fit together during this unique event. Stark Library staff read aloud favorite stories while Canton Symphony Orchestra musicians provide a backdrop of music. 🎵

**Messy Play**
Thu Oct 26 | 10–11 am and 11 am–12 pm
Get ready to create, explore, and play together at the Library while building early literacy and school readiness skills. Play clothes are recommended because some of the activities may be messy. 🎨

**ELEMENTARY**

**Homeschool Hangout**
Tue Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 1–2 pm
Calling all homeschool families! Connect with the library and other homeschool families in your community as we explore different topics with books, activities, and fun for the whole family. 📚

**Bugs, Bugs, & MORE BUGS!**
Presented by The Ohio State University Extension
Wed Sep 13 | 5:30–6:30 pm
Calling all bookworms! Have you ever wondered what makes an insect an insect? Come find out with an Ohio State University Extension Educator. We will be as busy as bees with fun. 🌼

**Pokémon Masters**
Sat Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 11 10–11 am
Pokémon fans, unite! Bring your cards, talk about your favorite Pokémon, and get introduced to some Pokémon books! 🎁

**Kaya’s World: Explore Native American Heritage with American Girl®**
Sat Nov 4 | 10:30 am–12 pm
Celebrate American Girl dolls, learn about Native American history, and make a craft. Feel free to bring your own doll! For children ages 8-12. 🌟

**Grossology**
Wed Oct 18 | 5:30–6:30 pm
All the science your mom doesn’t want you to know - farts, boogers, animal poop, and more. Disgust and amaze those around you. The library has never been this gross, or fun! 🤢

**Little Local Authors**
Mon Nov 6 | 6–7 pm
Have you ever wanted to write your own book? Why not write one at the library? We will help you brainstorm an idea, write a story, and illustrate your own book! 📕

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Notary
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Study Rooms

**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).

Check our website for Listen at the Library and all events this fall!

More events
**TWEENS & TEENS**

**Lofi Study & Relax Space**
Tue Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 4–5:30 pm
It’s the end of the day and you just want a quiet place to do homework and decompress. We’ve got you covered! Come listen to some chill music, have some snacks, and unwind with stress-relief tools. Music provided by Lofi Girl: www.Lofigirl.com.

**Anime Club**
Tue Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 4–5:30 pm
Join the fun at Anime Club! Watch, discuss, and explore the world of anime with fellow fans. Discover new series, make friends, and unleash your otaku spirit in a welcoming community.

**Monster of the Week**
Sat Sep 23, Oct 21, Nov 18 2–4 pm
Join “Monster of the Week” for an interactive, story-focused tabletop RPG. Become a monster hunter, solve mysteries, and battle supernatural foes! This unique game offers a fresh take on tabletop RPGs, perfect for fans of immersive storytelling and exciting gameplay.

**Switch It Up!**
Tue Sep 26, Oct 24 | 3–4 pm
Switch it up at the Library! Level up your fun with a bunch of Nintendo Switch games. Get ready to game, compete, and make unforgettable memories!

**Spooky Candy Sculptures**
Tue Oct 31 | 4–5:30 pm
Create monstrous candy sculptures. Use colorful candies to craft creepy creatures in this fun, hands-on activity!

**ADULTS**

**Writers’ Club**
Write On
Mon Sep 1, Oct 2, Nov 13 6–7:30 pm
Join local aspiring and experienced writers to explore creative prompts and discuss your latest projects.

**Unlocking the Secrets of the Cemetery**
Presented by the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum
Thu Sep 14 3–4 pm
Cemeteries speak through symbols on tombstones. This program decodes their meaning, explores the rural cemetery movement, and showcases Kim Kenney’s ongoing cemetery research.

**Standing Guard: Protect What You’ve Worked For**
Presented by Kenneth Griffin from Edward Jones
Thu Sep 28 2–3:30 pm
Learn asset protection strategies for pre- and post-retirement income, longevity impact, withdrawal plans, rising costs, insurance, and healthcare expenses.

**The Witches Coven Murder Mystery**
Sat Sep 30 2–4 pm
The annual coven meeting starts with disaster when one of the witches is found dead and a spell book is stolen. Can you solve the murder and find the stolen spell book? Costumes are welcome but not required.

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**NaNoWriMo**
The Final Countdown
Mon Nov 27 5–7:30 pm
It’s the final countdown to 50k! Drop in to hit your daily word count goal! We’ll provide instrumental music, coffee and tea, and writing exercises to combat writer’s block.

**Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behavior**
Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association
Wed Nov 1 2–3:30 pm
People with dementia communicate via behavior, but it can pose challenges for caregivers. Learn how to decode messages, identify triggers, and intervene with common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer’s.

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Microsoft Excel I & II**
Thu Nov 9, 16 2–3:30 pm
Develop and expand your Office skills by learning how to use Excel. You’ll learn how to create a basic spreadsheet, utilize simple formulas, and format information in this two-part class.

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**BOOK CLUBS**

**True Crime**
Mondays | 6–7:30 pm
Sep 18 We Keep the Dead Close by Becky Cooper
Oct 23 The Less People Know About Us by Axton Betz-Hamilton
Nov 20 Savage Appetites by Rachel Monroe

**Mark Twain Book Club**
Thu Oct 5 | 2–3:30 pm
Select any book written by Mark Twain, and then join us as we compare and contrast his books. We have a wide range of titles available at the Library.

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**ALL AGES**

**Second Annual Spooktacular**
Sat Oct 28 | 2–4 pm
Get ready for our Second Annual Spooktacular! Create a gingerbread haunted house, enter the costume contest, play pumpkin bowling, and more.

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**Meet best-selling author STEPHANIE LAND**

**November 2023**
**STEPHANIE LAND**
**Oct 17 | 6:30 pm**
Canton Palace Theatre

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