

# explore STARK LIBRARY

## Maid For More



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into DiNovember! p. 10



# Author! Author!

As schools get busy again, we love seeing kids launch into new learning adventures. It was a joy to witness everyone from toddlers to grandparents participating in our Summer Break learning and reading challenges, and winning some very cool prizes. We're excited to keep the momentum going into the fall, with events for all ages, including storytimes, DiNovember, Native American and Hispanic Heritage Months, book clubs, and aspiring author workshops.

Book lovers will flip more than pages over the best-selling authors gracing our line-up in the ninth season of the Dr. Audrey Lavin Speaking of Books Author Series. This fall, we're pleased to welcome Stephanie Land, whose acclaimed, personal story, *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*, formed the basis for the highly popular Netflix series, *Maid*. Then there's Sandra Brown, whose 70 bestsellers, such as *Overkill* and *Blind Tiger*, have made her a household name. Read all about them on pages 12 and 13.

Literacy is at the heart of everything we do at the Library – and I encourage adults with kids at home to check out the article, *Teach Reading on the Run!*, opposite this letter. You help kids develop literacy skills, even as you run errands. Try these practical tips and see how simple and fun it can be to get kids on the road to reading – a critical gift that keeps on giving, until one day you're an adult who can't wait to meet much-loved authors, Stephanie Land and Sandra Brown, and have your books signed at the Canton Palace Theatre! I can't wait to see you there!

Mary Ellen Icaza  
CEO/Executive Director



LISTEN  
AT THE LIBRARY

## Tune Up for a Good Time!

Kids love stories enhanced by Canton Symphony Orchestra musicians.

Tue Oct 10 11:30 am–12:30 pm  
*DeHoff Memorial* ✓

Wed Oct 11 10–11 am  
*East Canton* ✓

Tue Oct 17 11:30 am–12:30 pm  
*Jackson Community* ✓

Mon Oct 16 11:30 am–12:30 pm  
*Lake Community*

Tue Oct 10 10–11 am  
*Madge Youtz* ✓

Thu Oct 12 10–11 am  
*Main Library*

Wed Oct 11 11:30 am–12:30 pm  
*North Branch*

Mon Oct 16 10–11 am  
*Perry Sippo* ✓

Tue Oct 17 10–11 am  
*Plain Community* ✓

Thu Oct 12 11:30 am–12:30 pm  
*Sandy Valley*

✓ Register for events at [StarkLibrary.org](https://StarkLibrary.org) or 330.452.0665

# Teach Reading on the Run!

Did you know that from the earliest stages of life we're developing reading skills? As little ones hear people talk, play, count cookies, and of course, read books together, their minds are making important connections. Kids need a strong reading foundation, especially before the age of eight, when it becomes a struggle to catch up. You can help the little ones you love by fitting in simple tips on the run.

## ► Here's Your Sign – to Read!

At the grocery store, on a walk, or on the bus, words are all around you. Point to signs and read them out loud, so kids match the word with the sound and object.

## ► Talking

Talk to kids often, asking open-ended questions, so that they answer beyond "yes" or "no," responding to you in phrases and sentences. Don't be afraid to use complex words to build vocabulary. Just put them in context. For example, if a six-year-old says, "That's a big truck." You reply, "Yes. That's a humongous truck."

## ► Rhyming & Singing

Singing is important because it slows down words so kids can hear letter sounds and syllables. Rhyming builds awareness of words that sound the same, providing clues to sound out words in a story. Plus, when you recite a rhyme with hand-gestures, like "Itsy, Bitsy, Spider," kids learn the meaning of a word in a new way.

When you sing, "Down came the rain and washed the spider out..." with the gesture of moving your hands down, they learn the definition visually. It sounds simple, but that's the beauty of it. These tips fit into your life easily and don't require anything extra, so you can try them on the fly.

## ► Visit the Library for More!

Find more advice during Library story-times. While you're there, ask staff for our literacy cards. It's worth your while to sow the seeds of reading – the most important predictor of school success.



*PAWS to read*



## PUPS AND PAGES

Kids FURTHER their reading skills with fun, tail-wagging encouragement. Register them to read to therapy dogs and watch confidence soar.

Reserve your spot!

**StarkLibrary.org/Pups**

*East Canton*

Sat Sep 30 | 3:30–4:30 pm

Mon Oct 16 | 6–7 pm

Mon Nov 13 | 6–7 pm

*Jackson Community* ✓

Wed Nov 15 | 5–6 pm

*Main Library* ✓

Tue Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 | 5–6 pm

# Storytime + more!

There are no storytimes the week of Oct 9, 16, and Nov 20. Listen at the Library will take place instead of all storytimes Oct 10–17 (see page 2). ✓

	BABY	TODDLER	PRESCHOOL	FAMILY	OTHER
DeHoff Memorial	Tuesdays 1:30 pm				
East Canton	Wednesdays 10 am			Wednesdays 10:30 am	
Jackson Community	Tuesdays 10 am (Halloween Costume Oct 31)		Tuesdays 11 am (Halloween Costume Oct 31)		<b>Music</b>   Wednesdays 10 & 11 am
Lake Community	Tuesdays 9:30 am	Wednesdays 10 am	Tuesdays & Wednesdays 11 am		
Madge Youtz	Tue Sep 5, 19, Oct 3, 31, Nov 14   6:30 pm				
Main Library	Thursdays 10 am				<b>Pajama</b>   Tuesdays 7 pm <b>Halloween</b>   Sat Oct 21   10 am   Costumes optional
North			Wednesdays 10 am	Tuesdays 9 am	<b>Hispanic Heritage</b>   Thu Sep 14   11 am <b>Halloween Costume</b>   Thu Oct 26   10:30 am <b>Thanksgiving</b>   Sat Nov 18   9:30 am
Perry Sippo	Mondays 11 am	Mondays 10 am Thursdays 9:30 am	Thursdays 10:30 am	Sat Sep 16, Oct 28, Nov 11 10 am	
Plain Community				Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:30 am	
Sandy Valley	Thursdays 10 am				



## HISPANIC HERITAGE

### Book Clubs for Adults

Find more book clubs  
at [StarkLibrary.org](http://StarkLibrary.org)



#### Lake Community

##### Mystery

Tue Sep 5 | 2–3 pm  
*The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina*  
by Zoraida Córdova ✓



#### Madge Youtz

Thu Sep 28 | 2–3 pm  
*Next Year in Havana*  
by Chanel Cleeton



#### Main Library

##### Saturday Sizzlers

Sat Sep 16 | 2–3 pm  
*Children of the Land*  
by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo ✓

##### Read Around the World

Tue Oct 3 | 6–7 pm  
*How to Order the Universe*  
by María José Ferrada ✓



#### North Branch

##### Banned Books

Mon Sep 25 | 11 am–12 pm  
*How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*  
by Julia Alvarez

## HISPANIC HERITAGE

# Celebrate Our Community!

From mid-September to mid-October, we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, and shortly afterwards, it's Día de los Muertos, an occasion to honor deceased ancestors.

### DEHOFF MEMORIAL

#### Family Movie Night

Tue Sep 19 | 5–7 pm  
Join us for a fun, interactive family screening of the movie *Coco*. ✓▲★✕★◆●

#### Loteria

##### Mexican Bingo

Tue Sep 26 | 5–7 pm  
Love playing Bingo? Try your hand at *Loteria*, a game of chance. Learn about the game's history and its place in Mexican culture! ✓★✕◆●

### EAST CANTON

#### Painting Rocks!

Tue Sep 19 | 3–4 pm  
Learn about Mexican folk art and see its cultural influence as you create your own painted rock. ✓●

### LAKE COMMUNITY

#### Salsa Anyone?

*With Headwaters Homestead*  
Wed Sep 20 | 6:30–7:30 pm  
Local homesteaders Todd and Christine will discuss the joys of homesteading in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Come ready to sample a variety of salsas. ✓●

#### Make Flor Grande!

Sat Sep 23 | 10–11 am  
Make Flor Grande (Big Flower) from tissue paper. This traditional folk art from Mexico is used as decoration for all kinds of celebrations. ✓◆●

#### Let's Dance! Learn How to Salsa

##### Sponsored by Lake FOL

Sat Sep 23 | 2–3 pm  
Rachel from R&J Ballroom will share some history of this energetic Latin dance and teach you some basic steps. ✓✕◆●

#### Some Like It Hot!

*A Hot Sauce Tasting Challenge with Not Yo' Daddy's Hot Sauces*  
Sat Sep 23 | 3:30–4:30 pm  
Need a little spice in your life? Join us to sample different flavors of hot sauce and see if you can handle the heat! Ages 8 and up. ✓★✕◆●

### MAIN LIBRARY

#### 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. ✓★

#### Guatemalan Worry Dolls

Mon Sep 18 | 5:30–7 pm  
Feeling troubled or anxious? Make a worry doll to take home. Guatemalan folklore claims that these dolls have the power to ease your mind. ✓✕◆●

#### 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. Join us for an exciting afternoon of Latin Dance! Be sure to wear clothes and shoes that you can move and groove in! ✓●

#### Día de los Muertos Celebration

Wed Nov 1 | 5–7 pm  
Whether you come for the storytime, the cultural crafts, or to learn more about Día de los Muertos, there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. ▲★✕◆●

### NORTH BRANCH

#### Frida Kahlo Self-Portraits

Thu Sep 21 | 3:30–4:30 pm  
Learn how this incredible artist made her self-portraits come to life. Then paint your own self-portrait, complete with a tribute to Frida Kahlo. ✓★◆●

#### Sugar Skulls

Tue Sep 26 | 6–7:30 pm  
Learn about the traditional art of calaveras de azúcar, or sugar skulls, and the cultural history of their use. Then decorate your own! Registration required. ✓●

### PERRY SIPPO

#### Trail Tales

##### Imagination Station

Sat Sep 9 | 2–3 pm  
Join us for a day of building and pretend play inspired by Jacqueline Woodson's *The Year We Learned to Fly*. We'll meet at the library then read the book as we walk the trail. ✓★

### PLAIN COMMUNITY

#### Hola Alebrije

Mon Oct 9 | 6–7:30 pm  
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the tale of Alebrijes and create your own colorful Mexican spirit guide! ✓★✕◆●

### SANDY VALLEY

#### Mexican Tin Art

Mon Sep 25 | 6–8 pm  
Discover this centuries-old folk art from Mexico, then create your own piece of embossed metal artwork! ✓●

#### Día de los Muertos Escape Room

Wed Oct 25 | 10 am–1:30 pm  
Thu Oct 26 | 12–2 pm  
Sat Oct 28 | 10 am–4 pm  
Find the clues and solve the puzzles to escape from Día de los Muertos. Call the branch to schedule a time slot. Younger children must have adult supervision. ✓★✕◆●



See page 3 for  
Hispanic Heritage  
storytimes

# Native American Heritage

Each November, we explore Native American Heritage Month, honoring the unique culture and accomplishments of Native Americans.

## JACKSON COMMUNITY

### Explore Native American Heritage with American Girl®

Sat Nov 4 | 10:30 am–12 pm  
Celebrate and learn about Native American history and make a craft. Feel free to bring your own doll! ☑️⭐

## LAKE COMMUNITY

### The True Story of Thanksgiving

*Presented by the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum*  
Wed Nov 8 | 2–3 pm  
What was the first Thanksgiving REALLY like? Spoiler alert: it was nothing like you've been taught! Learn the story of Thanksgiving with Kim Kenney, Executive Director of the museum. ☑️🔵🟡

### Try-It Tuesday

*Macramé Feathers & Dreamcatchers*  
Tue Nov 14 | 6–7:30 pm  
Join us each month as we try a new craft. Supplies will be provided, but you can also bring your own. ☑️🔵🟡

## NORTH BRANCH

### The True Story of Thanksgiving

Tue Nov 7 | 2–3 pm  
See description above. ☑️🔵🟡

### Asibikaashi and the Origin of Dream Catchers

Tue Nov 14 | 6–7:30 pm  
Learn about the origins of the asabikeshiinh, their history, and how they are created. Then create your own to take home! ☑️🔵🟡

### Paper Tube Totem Poles

Tue Nov 21 | 3:30–4:30 pm  
Let's learn about the significance of Totem Poles and create one of your very own! ☑️⭐🟡🔵

## PERRY SIPPO

### Trail Tales

*Arctic Animal Legends*  
Sat Nov 4 | 2–3 pm  
Follow the trail to the Library for crafts, facts, and folklore about the Arctic animals featured in this month's story, *Sweetest Kulu* by Celina Kalluk. ☑️⭐

### When Native Americans Called Stark County Home

*Presented by Historian Richard Haldi*  
Thu Nov 9 | 6–7:30 pm  
Learn about the friendly relationship between Canton's pioneers and the local Native Americans who held war dances at Meyers Lake and joined the early Cantonians for target games. ☑️🔵🟡

## MAIN LIBRARY

### 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 American Code Talkers and the role they played in the U.S. Armed Forces. ☑️🔵🟡

### Corn Husk Dolls

Mon Nov 20 | 5:30–6:30 pm  
Learn about the Native American tradition of corn husk dolls and make one yourself as a gift, keepsake, toy, or autumn décor. ☑️⭐🟡🔵🟡

☑️ Register for events at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665

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★ Geared to Elementary

✂️ Geared to Tweens

🔵 Geared to Teens

🟡 Geared to Adults

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE Book Clubs for Adults

Watch your email for notable titles about these cultures, chosen by our librarians!

Find more book clubs at [StarkLibrary.org](https://StarkLibrary.org)

## Lake Community

### Mystery

Tue Nov 7 | 2–3 pm  
*Killers of the Flower Moon*  
by David Grann ☑️

### Booked on Tuesday

Tue Nov 28 | 6–7 pm  
*Killers of the Flower Moon*  
by David Grann

## Madge Youtz

Thu Nov 30 | 2–3 pm  
*There There*  
by Tommy Orange

## Main Library

*Read Around the World*  
Tue Nov 7 | 6–7 pm  
*Woman of Light*  
by Kali Fajardo-Anstine ☑️

### Saturday Sizzlers

Sat Nov 18 | 2–3 pm  
*The Removed*  
by Brandon Hobson ☑️

## North Branch

*Beautiful Day*  
Thu Nov 2 | 11 am–12 pm  
*All the Children Are Home*  
by Patry Francis

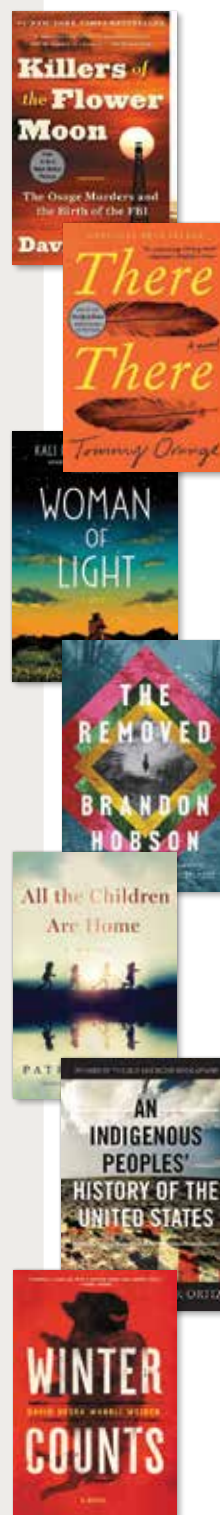
### Banned Books

Mon Nov 27 | 11 am–12 pm  
*An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*  
by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

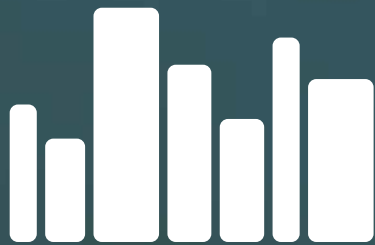
## Plain Community

### Mystery

Thu Nov 16 | 4–4:45 pm  
*Winter Counts*  
by David Heska Wanbli Weiden







## THE DR. AUDREY LAVIN SPEAKING OF BOOKS AUTHOR SERIES

When a chill sets in the air, Stark Library heats up with the kickoff of the ninth season of our acclaimed Dr. Audrey Lavin Speaking of Books Author Series. You'll fall for hugely successful authors whose writing enlightens, entertains, and inspires in the first part of our season. We're excited to advance downtown Canton as a destination for authors to share their insights with an audience eager to listen, get their questions answered, and have treasured books signed. The events, held at the beautiful, historic Canton Palace Theatre, are free with your Library card.

**Reserve your FREE seats for our fall authors at [StarkLibrary.org/MeetAuthors](https://StarkLibrary.org/MeetAuthors)**

### *An Evening with* **Stephanie Land**

Tue Oct 17 | 6:30–7:30 pm

*Canton Palace Theatre*

Stephanie Land relates a harrowing, personal account of her life as a single mom navigating the bureaucratic nightmare of living below the poverty line.

*Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* quickly became a *New York Times* bestseller. The Netflix series, *Maid*, based on the book, is one of the network's most-watched limited series ever. Stephanie offers us perspective from the frontlines, sharing the culprits of her situation: domestic violence, unlivable minimum wages, and high housing costs.

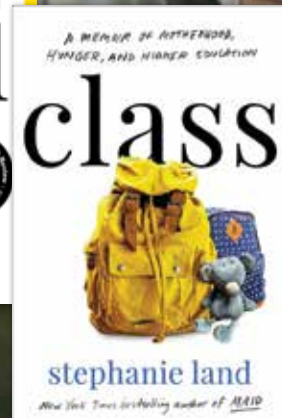
In Canton, 35% of children under the age of 18 are living in poverty, according to the latest census data. We hope you'll join us to learn about economic and social justice, with the unfortunate truth revealed in Stephanie's writing – hard work doesn't always pay off. Brought to you with the support of the Domestic Violence Project, Inc. and United Way of Greater Stark County. ✓

**Register starting September 1 at [StarkLibrary.org](https://StarkLibrary.org)  
or 330.452.0665**



**Maid Book Club Discussion**

Thu Oct 5 | 6–7 pm  
*Perry Sippo Branch*



## An Evening with Sandra Brown

Thu Nov 16 | 6:30–7:30 pm  
Canton Palace Theatre

One of the best-known American mystery writers, with more than 70 *New York Times* bestsellers, Sandra Brown's books thrills readers world-wide. Three television movies have been made from her novels and her work has been translated into 34 languages. Her latest release, *Out of Nowhere*, is a fast-paced, emotional thriller of a quest to find the perpetrator of a violent crime that forever changes the lives of a young mother and a high-rolling consultant.

Don't miss your chance to hear about the fascinating way Sandra develops plots to keep readers on the edge of their seats! ✓

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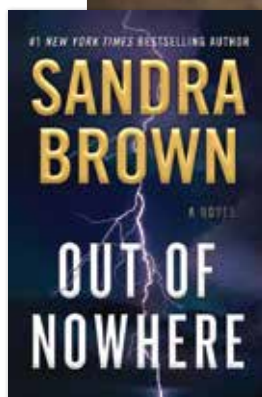


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## Meet Kate the Chemist

Tue Feb 13 | 6:30 pm  
Canton Palace Theatre

Kate the Chemist (AKA Dr. Kate Biberdorf) thrills audiences with a very hands-on approach to science, which she uses in all her writing! ✓

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COMING IN WINTER 2024



*Stay tuned for more!*

More Speaking of Books authors will be revealed on our website and in upcoming issues of the *Explore Guide*. Keep your eyes open, so you don't miss a thing!

◀ The Speaking of Books author series is named for accomplished Stark County-based author and devoted Library supporter, Dr. Audrey Lavin.



# The Write Stuff For You!

Working on a novel? Article? Bibliography? Whatever the project, we've got you covered. Check out our helpful events and tools!



## BUSINESS AND DOCUMENT SERVICES

Print a chapter at the Library or send the file remotely from home! You can even make copies. Up to \$1.50 per day is free.

[StarkLibrary.org/Print](http://StarkLibrary.org/Print)



## MEETING AND STUDY ROOMS

Want a convenient place to interview a source or meet with fellow writers? Reserve rooms at any Library location!

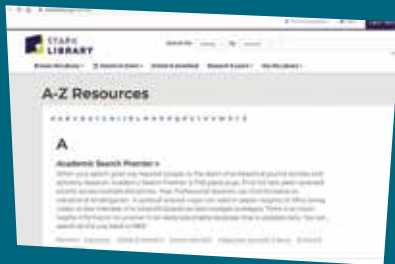
[StarkLibrary.org/Rooms](http://StarkLibrary.org/Rooms)



## INTERNET2GO KITS

Need to get online to research your book? How about a device to take notes? Borrow an Internet2GoKit. You'll have a WiFi Hotspot and a Chromebook, too!

[StarkLibrary.org/Internet2Go](http://StarkLibrary.org/Internet2Go)



## REFERENCES AND DATABASES

How did they dress in Ohio in 1805? What was the largest city then? Research questions for your novel to make your writing solid.

[StarkLibrary.org/Learn](http://StarkLibrary.org/Learn)



## LINKEDIN LEARNING

Need to spruce up your writing technique? What's the best way to write a plot? Learn with online courses taught by experts.

[StarkLibrary.org/LinkedIn](http://StarkLibrary.org/LinkedIn)



## CREATIVE WRITING BOOKS

Writer's block got you down? Need ideas to keep going? Find helpful books online or in-person.

[StarkLibrary.org/Write](http://StarkLibrary.org/Write)

## Writing Clubs

### TEENS

#### Main Library

Mon Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6 | 5:30–6:30 pm ☑

### ADULTS

#### East Canton

Fri Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 3 | 2:30–4 pm ☑

#### Jackson Community

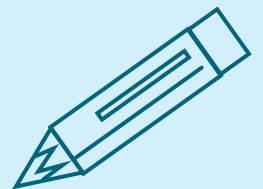
Mon Sep 11, Oct 2, Nov 13 | 6–7:30 pm ☑

#### Perry Sippo

Mon Sep 18, Oct 2, Nov 6 | 2–4 pm ☑

#### Main Library

Wed Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 | 6–7 pm ☑





# Meet the Authors

Kent State University at Stark presents

## Thi Bui

*With support from Stark Library*

Sep 28 | 7:30 pm

Kent State University at Stark Conference Center

Bui's graphic novel, *The Best We Could Do*, explores the anguish of immigration with the personal story of a family's daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam. Q & A and book signing will follow.



Photo: Andria Lo

**Read Around the World Book Club**

Tue Sep 5 6–7 pm *Main Library* ✓

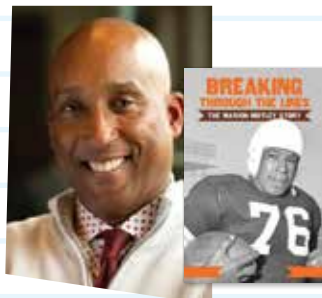


### Irv Korman

Tue Sep 12 | 2–3 pm

*Main Library*

What's it like to interview sensations like Tony Bennett, Peter Yarrow, and John Lithgow? Get the insider details from local author Irv Korman! Irv Korman is a writer, theatre critic, actor, clown, and magician. ✓



### David Lee Morgan Jr.

Thu Sep 21 | 6–7:30 pm

*Perry Sippo Branch*

Meet the author of a biography about Browns' Hall-of-Famer, Marion Motley, as well as the first biography of LeBron James! ✓



### Kari Gunter-Seymour

Wed Oct 4 | 2–3 pm

*Main Library*

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



### Kim Kenney

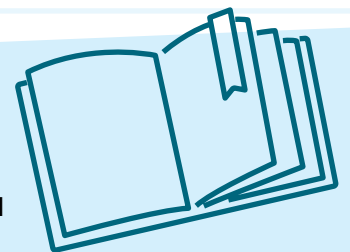
Tue Oct 10 | 2–3 pm

*Main Library*

Meet Kim Kenney, author of *Exploring the American Presidency Through 50 Historic Treasures*. ✓

## NaNoWriMo

*November is* NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH



### ELEMENTARY

#### Little Local Authors

Mon Nov 6 | 6–7 pm

*Jackson Community Branch*

Have you ever wanted to write your own book? We'll help you brainstorm an idea, write a story, and illustrate your own book! ✓

#### Little Local Authors

Tue Nov 7 | 6–7 pm

*Sandy Valley Branch*

Have you ever imagined writing a book? Come create with us! You can write, illustrate, and make your very own book to display at the library. ✓

### ADULTS

#### NaNoWriMo Sit-In

Wed Nov 15 | 2–4 pm

*Perry Sippo Branch*

Are you taking on the NaNoWriMo challenge? Stop by to discuss your project with other challengers! Bring your project to work on or pick up some helpful tips. ✓

#### NaNoWriMo

*The Final Countdown*

Mon Nov 27 | 5–7:30 pm

*Jackson Community Branch*

It's the final countdown to 50k! Drop in and we'll provide instrumental music, coffee and tea, and writing exercises to combat writer's block. ✓

# BOO-tiful EVENTS AHEAD!



## DEHOFF MEMORIAL

### Interactive Movie Night

*The Addams Family* - PG 13

Tue Oct 24 | 6–8 pm

Dance, sing and laugh in the Halloween spirit with this fun, interactive movie. (13 or older or accompanied by a guardian.)



### Ooey, Gooley, and Not So Spooky Halloween Slime

Wed Oct 25

3–3:45 pm and 4–4:45 pm

Dive into the secrets of slime-making. Unleash your creativity and craft some amazing Halloween slime!



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- ▲ Geared to Early Learners
- ★ Geared to Elementary
- ✂ Geared to Tweens
- ◻ Geared to Teens
- Geared to Adults

## JACKSON COMMUNITY

### Unlocking the Secrets of the Cemetery

*Presented by the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum*

Thu Sep 14 | 3–4 pm

Learn how cemeteries speak through symbols on tombstones and how to decode their meaning.



### The Witches Coven Murder Mystery

Sat Sep 30 | 2–4 pm

The coven meeting starts with disaster when one of the witches is found dead and a book is stolen. Can you solve the murder? Costumes optional.



### 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!



### 2nd Annual Spooktacular

Sat Oct 28 | 2–4 pm

Create a gingerbread haunted house, compete in a costume contest, play pumpkin bowling, and more.



### Zombie Dolls

Mon Oct 30 | 5:30–7:30 pm

Make unique, creepy, undead plushies that will haunt your home. Materials provided.



### 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!



## LAKE COMMUNITY

### Search for Ohio Bigfoot

*Sponsored by Lake Friends of the Library*

Tue Oct 3 | 6–7:30 pm

Join long-time investigator, Marc DeWerth, for a fascinating presentation on the most recent Bigfoot report in our area.



## MADGE YOUTZ

### Zombie Dolls

Mon Oct 16 | 5:30–7:30 pm

Have fun making Zombies out of under-loved dolls! Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own dolls as well.



### Spooktacular Family Night

Tue Oct 31 | 5–7 pm

Join us for a not-so-spooky family night filled with games, haunted gingerbread houses, slime-making and a storytime!



## MAIN LIBRARY

### Friendly Fears Series

#### Snakes

Tue Oct 10 | 5:30–6:30 pm

Stark Parks' animal experts will guide this exciting journey, showing off the beauty and importance of these often misunderstood animals.



#### Insects

Mon Oct 16 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Explore the incredible diversity of insects and discover their essential role in our ecosystem with Dr. Matthew Lehnert.



#### Akron Zoo

Sat Oct 28 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

We're bringing the zoo to you. You'd be surprised how friendly some of the most-feared creatures actually are!



### 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?



### 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.



See page 3 for Halloween storytimes

## MAIN LIBRARY

### Dinosaurs @ Your Library

Thu Nov 9 | 3–4 pm

Celebrate DiNovember with some dino-mite crafts and RAWR-some games. Dinosaurs will rule the library!

### Excavation Adventure

Thu Nov 16 | 2–3 pm

Have you ever wondered how paleontologists dig up dinosaurs? Learn all about the process of excavation, and then try some excavating of your own!



### The Fossils of Ohio

*Presented by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History*

Sat Nov 18 | 2–3 pm

Ohio is full of fossils! Jeb Bugos from the museum will discuss Ohio's rich fossil history and the kinds that can be found in our state.



UpROARious DiNovember!







## NORTH BRANCH



### Spooky Resin Bookmarks

Tue Oct 3 | 6–7 pm

Pumpkins and spiders and ghosts, oh my! Learn how to create your own Halloween-themed bookmark from resin. Registration is limited.  

### Upcycled Skeleton Shirt




Tue Oct 10 | 6–7 pm

Learn how a few precise cuts on a shirt create a spooky skeleton torso. Please bring a dark colored shirt to use.  

### It's Great to Create





#### Night Scene

Sat Oct 21 | 9:30–10:30 am

Join us as we celebrate the fall season! We will start with reading a fall-themed story, then create our own fall scene.   





### Twisted Toy Box

Wed Oct 25 | 3:30–4:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to make your own creepy, crazy toy? Use your creativity to put together old toys and create something new and fun.    

### Howl at the Moon



Sat Oct 28 | 2–3 pm

Friends of the Pound will explain the operations of the Stark County Dog Pound – lost/found dogs, adoption and volunteer opportunities.    

## PERRY SIPPO

### FrankenFUN




Tue Oct 10 | 6–7 pm

Create a monster mashup with old toys and don your mad scientist goggles in our slime lab.   

### Trail Tales

#### BOO Bungalow Build-Off


Sat Oct 14 | 2–3 pm

Construct a ghoulish bungalow, and our library specters will vote for their favorite haunting! Enjoy this month's Trail Tale - *The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo!* by Elaine Bickell.   

### An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe


#### Presented by Jim Knight

Mon Oct 16 | 6–7:30 pm

Enjoy an eerie evening as the stories and poetry of legendary writer Edgar Allan Poe come to life. 

### Is Bigfoot a Buckeye?

Mon Oct 23 | 5–7 pm


From sighting reports to audio recordings, Ohio is indeed home to an upright walking creature known as Bigfoot. Marc DeWerth will present. 

## PLAIN COMMUNITY

### Superstitions





#### Presented by the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum

Tue Oct 24 | 6–7 pm

Join Science Director Lynette Reiner as she presents a fun look at the superstitious beliefs and myths passed down generation to generation. 

### Spooky Glow Monster Lab



Sat Oct 28 | 10:30 am–12 pm

Enjoy this spooky season while bringing out your inner scientist! Join us for fun with black light crafts and STEM activities.    

## SANDY VALLEY




### Twisted Toybox

Sat Oct 7 | 2–3 pm

Use old toys to make your own weird, wacky, wonderful creations. Toys will be provided, or you can also bring your own!  

### DIY Zombie Dolls

Sat Oct 14 | 1–3 pm

Plug into your "inner Frankenstein" and create a zombie doll. Dolls will then be displayed and voted on. Come prepared to possibly get messy.   

## Halloween-Themed Book Clubs

Find more book clubs at [StarkLibrary.org](http://StarkLibrary.org)

### Lake Community

#### Mystery Book Club

Tue Oct 3 | 2–3 pm

*We Have Always Lived in the Castle*  
by Shirley Jackson

#### Book Club Jr.

Mon Oct 9 | 6:30–7:15 pm

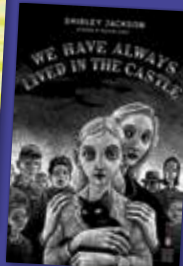
*Chocolate Fever*  
by Robert Kimmel Smith

### North Branch

#### Banned Books

Mon Oct 23 | 11 am–12 pm

*Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*  
by Alvin Schwartz






## EAST CANTON

### Dino-Mania

Mon Nov 27 | 6–7 pm

#### East Canton Branch




Celebrate DiNovember by making dinosaur fossils, creating a prehistoric scene, and erupting a slimy volcano!   

## NORTH BRANCH

### DiNovember Eruption

Wed Nov 15 | 3:30–4:30 pm

#### North Branch




Let's have some Dino-fun! Learn how to make Erupting Dinosaur Extinction Slime and dinosaur skeletons.   

## PERRY SIPPO

### Dino Dance Party

Tue Nov 14 | 5–6:30 pm

#### Perry Sippo Branch

Get ready to do the DINOSAURI! Stomp on over to this dino-mite night. Sculpt a Megalodon tooth necklace, hatch a frozen egg, play *The Floor is Lava*, and stop by our photo booth!   





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## Honoring Their Service

Join us in honoring everyone who has served our country this Veteran's Day.



### TWEENS-ADULTS

#### Thank a Vet

Sat Oct 7 | 2-4 pm

**Madge Youtz Branch**

Why do we celebrate Veteran's Day? Learn about the history of this holiday, and then show the men and women who have served in the military our gratitude for their service, by making thank you cards. 📌

### ADULTS

#### Service & Sacrifice

*Honoring Our Veterans*

Fri Nov 10 | 10-11 am

**DeHoff Memorial Branch**

Join us for a heartfelt Veterans' Day Ceremony to honor our veterans. Let's unite in gratitude and celebrate their unwavering dedication and service. All veterans welcome for this special tribute.

#### Serving Those Who Served Our Country

Fri Nov 17 | 2-3 pm

**Main Library**

Discover services and opportunities that aim to enrich the lives of those who have defended our nation! Veterans, family members, and friends are invited to show support by attending this panel event.



# FOR Older Adults

Register for events at [StarkLibrary.org](http://StarkLibrary.org) or 330.452.0665

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Meet Author Irv Korman

Tue Sep 12 | 2–3 pm

*Main Library*

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

## FINANCES

### Retirement: Making Your Money Last

Tue Sep 19 | 6–7:30 pm

*Lake Community Branch*

Nate Hershman from Edward Jones will discuss developing an investment strategy, working longer, spending less, delaying social security and planning for expenses. ✓

### Standing Guard: Protect What You've Worked For

*Presented by Kenneth Griffin from Edward Jones*

Thu Sep 28 | 2–3:30 pm

*Jackson Community Branch*

Learn asset protection strategies for pre- and post-retirement income, longevity impact, withdrawal plans, rising costs, insurance, and healthcare expenses. ✓

### Social Security 101

*Presented by the Social Security Administration*

Tue Oct 17 | 6–7:30 pm

*Sandy Valley Branch*

Learn about the eligibility and entitlement factors for retirement, disability and Medicare. ✓

## HEALTH

### Generation RX

*Presented by The Ohio State University Extension*

Tue Sep 5 | 6–7 pm

*Plain Community Branch*

Learn about safe medication practices and the risks of medication misuse. Made available by The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and Cardinal Health Foundation. ✓

### Medicare 101

*Presented by Committed Care Insurance Services LLC*

Tue Sep 12 | 6–8 pm

*Sandy Valley Branch*

In this informative class, you will be provided with an introduction to Medicare and its various options. ✓

### Retirement: Medicare 101

Tue Sep 26 | 11 am–12 pm

*Main Library*

Get help navigating the complexities of Medicare from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, that provides education and counseling on Medicare. ✓

### Understanding Dementia-Related Behavior

*Presented by the Alzheimer's Association*

Wed Nov 1 | 2–3 pm

*Jackson Community Branch*

Caregivers will learn how to decode messages, identify triggers, and intervene with common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's. ✓

## SAFETY

### Neighborhood Watch and Home Safety

Thu Sep 7 | 2–3 pm

*North Branch*

Learn ways to protect yourself, home, and neighborhood with Jim Knight, Certified Crime Prevention Specialist. ✓

### Identity Theft Is Not a Joke!

Mon Sep 25 | 4–5 pm

*East Canton Branch*

Join the Better Business Bureau to learn about scammers, how they work, and what you can do to avoid scamming and identity theft. ✓

### Outsmarting the Scammers

Tue Nov 21 | 2–3 pm

*Madge Youtz Branch*

Kenneth Griffin from Edward Jones will present information on how to protect yourself and outsmart those scammers. ✓

## TECHNOLOGY

### iPad Basics

Wed Sep 6 | 10–11:30 am

*Main Library* ✓

### Computer Basics I & II

*Two-Part Series*

Mon Nov 6, 13 | 2–3:30 pm

*North Branch* ✓

## Soothe Your Soul

Enjoy the Canton Symphony Orchestra ensemble – Sundays with the Symphony.

*Perry Sippo Branch*

Sun Oct 15 | 2–2:45 pm

*North Branch*

Sun Oct 15 | 3:30–4:15 pm





**"Serene is the word  
that describes it  
for me."**

— Branch Manager,  
Luellen Wilson



## *Perry Sippo Branch* **Basking in Nature's Bounty**

The branches of majestic trees sway in the gentle breeze as ducks glide past lily pads in tranquil water just beyond green grass. Birdsong fills the air, accompanied by the gentle clicking of a keyboard. Welcome to Luke Neff's "office" on the outside deck of the Perry Sippo Branch, located within Sippo Lake Park. The professional illustrator finds peace and productivity working with his laptop on a table shaded by a large green umbrella. He parks ten minutes away so that he can walk on a nature trail to get here to design, research, and use other services.

"I just recently got a Library card – and I love it. I'll use the Library's printer to see how a design might look. Then, when I'm finished, I go

to the Wildlife Conservation Center and visit the animals. I make a whole day out of it."

"I stopped my car the other day for a beaver crossing the road. We see deer all the time, and turtles sun themselves in the parking lot," says Branch Manager Luellen Wilson. "We partner with Stark Parks on all kinds of programs."

One of those is Trail Tales. Families walk from page to page reading to the story's end at the Library. Along the way, kids learn new words and cool nature facts, combined with activities like jumping, skipping, and taking giant steps! Today two families bookend the experience with the techy fun of Librarian Claire Cross' Homeschool Hangout program.

5½-year-old Madlyn shrieks with joy as her tiny robot turns in one direction and then another, according to the color sequence she plots with help from Miss Claire. Her mom, a web designer, smiles broadly at her daughter's excitement. They'll definitely be taking home some of the Library's coding books.

"I bring her to Library programs all the time to be exposed to new things and to be with other kids," says mom, Haley Lohrenz. "We love it."

The friendliness extends to the Hooks and Needles Club. The crafters enjoy creating together, sometimes for special projects, like crocheting scarves for cancer patients. It's especially fun when longtime Library Specialist, Vickie Colangelo, starts spinning yarns.





"Vickie always makes us laugh," says Brenda, working on a scarf.

Vickie smiles, "Within a couple of hours, the five of us have solved all the problems of the world. It's just a great place to be."

We can't say difficulties disappear at the Perry Sippo Branch, but they do seem a lot lighter! Stop by to enjoy books, programs, computers, and more, surrounded by human warmth and peaceful nature. You can say Vickie sent you! 🌈



## New Expanded Hours

*Starting September 10*

### Jackson Community

7487 Fulton Dr. NW, Massillon

### Lake Community

565 Market Ave. SW, Uniontown

### Main Library

715 Market Ave. N, Canton

**Mon–Thu ..... 9 am–8 pm**

**Fri–Sat ..... 9 am–5 pm**

### DeHoff Memorial

216 Hartford Ave. SE, Canton

### East Canton

224 N Wood St., East Canton

### Madge Youtz

2921 Mahoning Rd. NE, Canton

### Plain Community

1803 Schneider St. NE, Canton

### Sandy Valley

9754 Cleveland Ave. SE, Magnolia

**Mon–Tue..... 9 am–8 pm**

**Wed–Thu ..... 9 am–6 pm**

**Fri–Sat ..... 9 am–5 pm**

### North Branch

189 25th St. NW, Canton

### Perry Sippo

5710 12th St. NW, Canton

**Mon–Thu ..... 9 am–8 pm**

**Fri–Sat ..... 9 am–5 pm**

**Sun..... 1–5 pm**

Closed Sep 4 (Labor Day)

Closes at 5 pm Nov 22

Closed Nov 23 (Thanksgiving)

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## Bookmobile

### MONDAYS

Carriage Hill ..... 9–9:45 am

Woodlawn Village.....10–10:45 am

Village Tower..... 11 am–12:15 pm

Skyline..... 2–2:45 pm

Wilmot.....2:30–3:30 pm

Beach City.....4:30–6 pm

### TUESDAYS

Pleasant View ..... 10:45–11:30 am

Southgate.....4:30–6 pm

### WEDNESDAYS

Waynesburg.....4:30–5:30 pm

### THURSDAYS

Bender Woods..... 12:30–1:15 pm

Mayfield Manor..... 1:45–2:30 pm

► **Check [StarkLibrary.org](https://starklibrary.org) for schedule updates**



## Friends of the Library Book Sales

### FOL Garage

(North of Main Library)

Sat Sep 2, Oct 7 (Bag Day),  
Nov 4 (Box Day)

9 am–3 pm

Wed Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8  
1:30–4:30 pm



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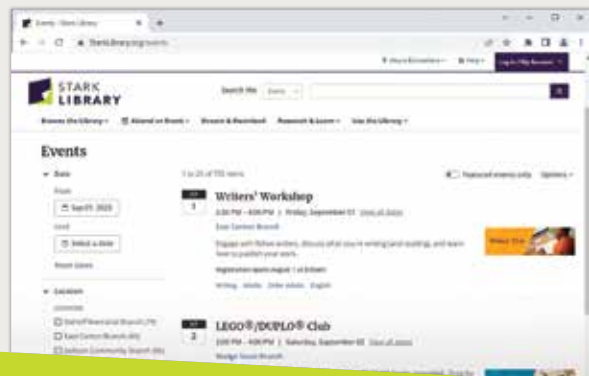
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