Michelle Williams
CHECK IN WITH A SURVIVOR p. 14

Presented in partnership with Kent State University at Stark

Cinematic Adventurer
Andrew McCarthy p. 14

Sponsored by Stark Library Foundation
Renovations aren’t the only thing happening at your Library – not by a long shot! Scan the QR code to see all the events that are happening this spring.

OUR MISSION
We strengthen the community by advancing literacy, connecting people, and encouraging exploration.

Main Campus
We are grateful for those individuals in the community who have come alongside us as we continue the planning and design of the new Main Library and Campus. We’ve met with patrons, community leaders, and even a team of teens from TomTod Ideas, Inc.

Southgate Branch
We are working diligently on the design of the new Southgate Branch and are excited to expand Library services to even more patrons. Construction will begin very soon, and we’re hoping to open the new branch in early fall.

Plain Community Branch
The Plain Community Branch will be closed from March 18 through August 17 as we put the finishing Reimagine touches on the branch. We can’t wait for you to see the bright new design that we have planned.

While we’re closed, the bookmobile will come to the parking lot at the branch on a regular schedule. You can place your holds and pick them up on the bookmobile, and you can also browse the collection.

Bookmobile Schedule
Tuesdays: 1:30–3:30 pm
Wednesdays: 9–11 am
Saturdays: 9–11 am

2024 promises to be a big year here at the Library. We are continuing to work on the planning and design of the Main Library campus as well as continuing Reimagine 2.0.
# To Keep You Glistening!

Age well with the many resources and programs designed to help you stay connected with the community.

### BOOK CLUBS

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### HEALTHY NUMBERS Golden Gear Kit

Glisten in your golden years with Golden Gear kits, featuring a handful of resources designed to keep you sharp and healthy!

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Celebrate Women's History Month

This March, celebrate women’s incredible contributions to history, both past and present, through events, inspiring stories, and great books!

DEHOFF MEMORIAL

Oh My, First Lady!
Tue Mar 19 | 6–7 pm
U.S. First Ladies formed some fascinating habits while in the White House. Join us as we explore amusing and fun facts about these Ladies. Some may even surprise you! ☻WTA

Jeopardy!
First Ladies
Tue Mar 26 | 6–7 pm ☻TA
Compete against others in the style of this classic TV game show, and prove that you know it all! ☻WTA

JACKSON COMMUNITY

Women In Flight
Wed Mar 13 | 5:30–6:30 pm
Discover aviation’s incredible women. Channel Earhart, Ride, and Jemison for a thrilling adventure. Craft and test your paper plane – become the test pilot! ☻LW

Adventures with Kit:
An American Girl®
Sat Mar 23 | 10:30 am–12 pm
Celebrate American Girl® dolls, learn about the Great Depression, and make a newspaper. Feel free to bring your own doll! For children ages 8–12. ☻L

EAST CANTON

Adventures in DNA
Thu Mar 28 | 3–4 pm
We will celebrate one of British chemist Rosalind Franklin’s accomplishments by extracting DNA from fruit and then combining some together to see if it changes the DNA. ☻T

LAKE COMMUNITY

The History of Women’s Underwear
Presented by the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum
Wed Mar 13 | 2–3 pm
Join Executive Director Kim Kenney as she provides a fascinating look at the history of what we wear under our clothes. A fun and entertaining look at a forgotten part of fashion history. ☻A

MAIN LIBRARY

Stark’s Leading Ladies
Learn about the lives and history of some of Canton’s most important women. ☻A

With Local Historian Richard Haldi
Sat Mar 9 | 11 am–12 pm
With Kim Kenney, McKinley Museum
Tue Mar 12 | 1–2 pm
With League of Women Voters
Sat Mar 23 | 11 am–12 pm

Let’s Fly Like Amelia
Mon Mar 11 | 6–7 pm
Amelia Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Learn more about this famous lady, then build a glider and fly through our challenges. ☻L

MADGE YOUTZ

Unsung Heroines:
Women of World War II
Mon Mar 25 | 5–7 pm
Join Reed Kimball from the MAPS Air Museum for a compelling program that pays tribute to the remarkable women who played pivotal roles during one of the most challenging times in history. ☻A

Third Tuesday Trivia
Celebrating Leading Ladies
Tue Mar 19 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Are you a know-it-all? Test your knowledge while enjoying snacks. Bring a team (up to four people total) or join one here. Top scores earn prizes! ☻TA

Women of Tomorrow
Presented in partnership with Women’s Impact, Inc.
Thu Mar 21 | 6:30–7:30 pm | Canton Cultural Center
Come meet the women who contribute to our inspiring and empowering stories. From Stark County and beyond, these women will share the successes and challenges of their lives and career journeys, to encourage young women to plan for their roads to success. ☻TA
Women's History Book Clubs
Find more book clubs at StarkLibrary.org

Lake Community

**Mystery**
Tue Mar 5 | 2–3 pm
*Murder by Degrees* by Ritu Mukerji  

**Parent/Child**  
(For children grades 1–3)
Mon Mar 11 | 6:30–7:15 pm
*Case of the Missing Cheetah* by Veronica Mang  

**Booked on Tuesday**
Tue Mar 26 | 6–7 pm
*The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict

Madge Youtz

**Madge Page Turners**
Thu Mar 28 | 2–4 pm
*Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Main Library

**Saturday Sizzlers**
Sat Mar 16 | 2–3 pm
*Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict

North Branch

**Beautiful Day**
Thu Mar 7 | 11 am–12 pm
*The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict

**Banned Books**
Mon Mar 25 | 11 am–12 pm
*Crank* by Ellen Hopkins

Sandy Valley

**Mon Mar 4 | 6–7 pm**
*The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan

**Booked on Tuesday**
Tue Mar 18 | 12–1 pm
*She Said* by Jodi Kantor

**From Book to Big Screen**
Mon Mar 11 | 6:30–7:15 pm
*The Case of the Missing Cheetah* by Veronica Mang

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North Branch

**Behind the Scenes: Women in Science**
Tue Mar 5 | 2–3 pm
Examine the amazing contributions in the field of science by women you may not know. You’ll remember them after this eye-opening program presented by the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum.

**Binary Code Necklaces**
Thu Mar 21 | 3:30–4:30 pm
Celebrate Women’s History Month by learning about Ada Lovelace’s contribution to computer coding. Create a necklace or bracelet using a coding chart to spell out your name using beads!

**Five Money Questions for Women**
Tue Mar 26 | 6–7 pm
Join an expert from Edward Jones to get an in-depth look at “Five Money Questions for Women” focusing on health, family, purpose, and finances.

Perry Sippo

**From Book to Big Screen**
Mon Mar 18 | 12–1 pm
*She Said* by Jodi Kantor

**How to Dress an 18th Century Lady**
Mon Mar 11 | 6–7:30 pm
Join us for a fascinating look at women’s fashions from the mid-1700s, compare the clothing of a lady and a working-class woman, while taking a peek into their daily lives.

**Females in Flight**
Tue Mar 19 | 6–7 pm
Discover aviation’s incredible women, including some you may not have heard of before. Craft and test your own paper plane – you become the test pilot!

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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

DEHOFF MEMORIAL

Turning Red
Interactive Family Movie Night
Mon May 20 | 5–7 pm
Dive into movie magic with Disney's Turning Red! Movie is rated PG. Popcorn will be provided. Thirteen-year-old girl Mei Lee is torn between staying her mother's dutiful daughter and the changes of adolescence. 📽️

EAST CANTON

Poppin' Boba Balls!
Thu May 23 | 3:30–4:30 pm
Why drink your juice when you can snack on it?! Make your own popping boba balls and let the flavor pop in your mouth. 🍿

JACKSON COMMUNITY

Jeopardy!
AAPI History
Tue May 28 | 6–7 pm
Compete against others in the style of this classic TV game show, and prove that you know it all! 📊

LAKE COMMUNITY

Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Workshop with KSCPP
Thu May 16 | 6–7:30 pm
Craft a lotus flower lantern to celebrate the Korean Lantern Festival while learning about Korea's unique history and culture from the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP). 🌃

MADGE YOUTZ

Natural Water Colors
Wed May 8 | 3–5 pm
Embark on a creative journey back to illustrious ancient China with our Tang Dynasty-Inspired Ink-Wash Painting: Natural Floral Watercolors. Supplies provided. 🎨

Insights
Into Korean Cuisine:
Cooking Demo
Sponsored by Lake FOL
Tue May 7 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Delve into the world of Korean culinary artistry with the Korean Spirit Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP). Two to three dishes will be presented along with the health benefits inherent in Korean cuisine. 🍽️

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Asian/Pacific Islander Month Book Clubs

Find more book clubs at StarkLibrary.org

Lake Community
Mystery
Tue May 7 | 2–3 pm
Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto 📚

Lake Community
Parent/Child
(For children grades 3–5)
Mon May 20 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park 📖

Jackson Community
Mystery
Thu May 2 | 2–3:30 pm
Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See 📚

Madge Youtz
Thu May 30 | 2–4 pm
Yellowface by R. F. Kuang 📚
MAIN LIBRARY

Family Movie Night: Mulan
Thu May 2 | 5:30–7 pm
It’s movie night at the library! Come on down, sit back, and enjoy the show. Popcorn will be provided. Movie is rated G. [LWT]

Shame & Trauma in Your Family Tree
Presented by Miyamoto Jensen
Sat May 11 | 2–3 pm
Join us in person or online to hear Miya Jensen discuss shame and trauma in family histories. Hear about her experiences and get tips on how to process these difficult parts of the past. [TA]

Art Appreciation: Yayoi Kusama
Tue May 7 | 6–7:30 pm
Learn about a brilliant artist who overcame obstacles in her life by creating art using dots. We will create our own version of her bright and vibrant artwork. [LWT]

Kintsugi: The Japanese Art of Pottery Repair
Mon May 20 | 5:30–7 pm
Learn about and practice the Japanese tradition of kintsugi, which beautifully highlights repaired fractures with golden veining. We will have ceramic dishes you may choose to repair, or you may choose to bring your own. [TA]

Anime Movie Night
Metropolis
Tue May 28 | 5:30–7:30 pm
Step into a world where humans and robots coexist with the 2001 anime classic, Metropolis [PG-13]. We’ll pop the popcorn while you sit back and enjoy! [TA]

Spice it Up!
Turmeric
Wed May 8 | 2–3 pm
Learn about turmeric’s origins, health benefits it might have, how to use it, what it tastes like, and watch a demonstration on using the spice. [TA]

Ramen Noodle Cook Off
Tue May 21 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Are you an adventurous eater? Do you like to make up your own secret recipes? Join us for a Ramen Cook Off and show off those culinary skills! [LWT]

Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Workshop with KSCPP
Thu May 30 | 6–7:30 pm
Craft a lotus flower lantern to celebrate the Korean Lantern Festival while learning about Korea’s unique history and culture from the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP). This is a virtual/hybrid program. [A]

PLAIN COMMUNITY

Kokedama with the Glass Garden!
Mon Mar 11 | 6–7:30 pm
Our botanical expert friends from The Glass Garden will instruct us on the creation of Japanese hanging gardens known as Kokedamas! [LWT]

A STRUMMING GOOD TIME
Grab a Ukulele Kit – including a primer book – and you’ll be playing in no time!
Borrow at StarkLibrary.org

NORTH BRANCH

Beautiful Day
Thu May 2 | 11 am–12 pm
Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto [A]

Banned Books
Mon May 20 | 11 am–12 pm
Flamer by Mike Curato [A]

PERRY SIPPO

Lu’au on the Lake
Sat May 4 | 2–3 pm
Want to try traditional Hawaiian food? Kids are invited to join us for a lakeside lu’au to read ‘Ohana Means Family and learn about the history of this traditional Hawaiian celebration. [L]

Plain Community
Mystery
Thu May 16 | 4–4:45 pm
Plain Township Hall IQ by Joe Ide [A]
Blossom This Spring

Do you love all things green? Let your mind and your plants blossom through our Eco Fair and Seed Bank events!

Eco Fair
Sat Apr 13 11 am–2 pm  Main Library
The roadmap to a cleaner future starts at places like this! Talk with environmental experts and learn eco-friendly practices.

Community Seedbank
Opens Fri Mar 1  Main Library
You can’t ‘beet’ free seeds! Add to your garden this spring season and watch it bloom endlessly.

Seeds are courtesy of the Ohio State University (OSU) Extension, Stark County Master Gardener Volunteers, and Stark Library.

Stark Parks Packs
They’re back! Explore nature, identify plants, and track wildlife with our Stark Park Packs, which are packed with tools for solving nature’s puzzles.
**LAKE COMMUNITY**

**Spring Plant Swap**
Sat May 18 | 9–11 am
Got a green thumb? Or need to thin out your garden? Acquire new, unique plants for free. 🟠

**Nature Exploration**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Food Gardens: Getting Started**
Fri Mar 1, 15, 29
10:30 am–12 pm
Is this the year you finally start a veggie garden? Ensure its success (and your sanity!) with guidance from the OSU Ext. Master Gardeners, along with free seeds from our annual Community Seedbank. 🟢

**Watch Me Grow**
Wed Apr 17 | 11 am–12 pm
Watch the seeds sprout in your own pocket-greenhouse. W

**NORTH BRANCH**

**Plants in a Bag**
Wed Apr 17 | 3:30–4:30 pm
What does a seed need to become a plant? We’ll find out with this easy project. We will set up our beans in a baggie to start the process. 🟢

**Sprout House**
Tue Apr 23 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Have fun making your own house to grow sprouts and learn about germination. L

**SANDY VALLEY**

**Soil Smarts for the Home Gardener**
Presented by OSU Extension
Mon Mar 25 | 6–8 pm
Learn smart soil practices for the home yard and garden. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring a 2-cup soil sample with them for this session. 🟢

**PERRY SIPPO**

**Lil’ Perry Planters**
Mon Apr 22 | 4:30–5:30 pm
Help make Perry’s outdoor deck space blossom with new life! Celebrate Earth Day by adopting a planter box at the library. Dig in the dirt, experiment with seeds, and take home your own plant! 🟢

**Worm Races**
Sat Apr 6 | 10–11 am
Pick a favorite worm and see how far it can crawl – will it be the first to reach the finish line? Plus, learn some fun facts about worms and how they help the soil. 🟢

**Rain Barrels and Compost Bins**
Presented by Stark Soil and Water
Mon Apr 22 | 6–7:30 pm
Have you considered a rain barrel or compost bin but are unsure where to start? Learn about the benefits of implementing these sustainable practices, the installation, and upkeep involved. 🟢

**PLAIN COMMUNITY**

**Kokedama with the Glass Garden!**
Mon Mar 11 | 6–7:30 pm
See page 7. 🟢

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The Journey to Learning

Ready for School Personalized Learning Program for Kids Birth–Age 8

From the day they’re born, children begin their journey to adulthood. How do they navigate that journey? With your help, of course. You are your child’s first teacher. Does that mean you need a desk and a chalkboard? NO! It starts with simple activities like reading, singing, playing, and talking with them.

An old proverb says, “it takes a village to raise a child,” and it is very true. We at Stark Library can be part of your village at each and every chapter of your life!

Our Ready for School program is designed to help caregivers of kids from birth to age eight in the beginning stages of their learning and development journey. We’re with you every step of the way.

Every other month, you can schedule an appointment with a School Readiness Specialist at any Stark Library location to talk about your child’s learning progress and goals.

Based on their age, kids will receive lessons and free activity kits with books to take and keep at home. These kits cover skills from letter sounds and number recognition to hand-eye coordination and social emotional development, building a foundation of positive learning that will last a lifetime.

For school-aged kids who are struggling with homework, we’d be glad to arrange a homework session. We’re happy to give each child the tools they need to be successful in learning.

Get started today at StarkLibrary.org/ReadyForSchool
24th Annual Poetry Contest

Words are the gateway to conjuring dreams! Bring your dreams and written piece to us at this creative event.

For adults and youth in grades 2–12. Students may enter one original poem. Adults may enter up to three original poems.

Enter by April 5:

Online at StarkLibrary.org/poetry
In person at any Stark Library location

Prizes will be awarded at live poetry readings at Main Library:

Youth Poetry Café
Tue Apr 30 | 6–7 pm LWT

Poetry Open Mic Night
Wed May 1 | 5–7 pm A

More for Writers and Readers

Local Author Fair
Sat Mar 16 | 11 am–2 pm
Main Library
Support local talent! Meet our local authors, browse their books, and learn about their creative process. TA

Movie Night
Tue Apr 23 | 5:30–7:30pm
Main Library
Sit back, relax, and celebrate poetry month with Robin Williams in Dead Poet’s Society [PG]. Popcorn included! TA

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Is your To Be Read pile dwindling?

We can help!

Simply fill out an online form and your friendly local librarian will expertly pull together a list for you based on your preferences.

Get started at StarkLibrary.org/MyNextRead
Listen at the Library

The magic of storytelling and music combine smoothly in our children’s read aloud story series with the Canton Symphony Orchestra.

DeHoff Memorial
Tue Apr 2 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

East Canton
Wed Apr 3 | 10–11 am

Jackson Community
Tue Apr 9 | 10–11 am

Lake Community
Wed Apr 10 | 10–11 am

Madge Youtz
Wed Apr 3 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Main Library
Tue Apr 9 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

North Branch
Tue Apr 2 | 10–11 am

Perry Sippo
Thu Apr 4 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Plain Township Hall
(2600 Easton St NE, Canton)
Wed Apr 10 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Sandy Valley
Thu Apr 4 | 10–11 am

Listen at the Library will take place instead of storytimes Apr 1–12. There will be no storytimes May 13–31.

Storytime + more!

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In this heartwarming tale, a boy, and his dad set out to experience a total solar eclipse.
Brooklyn (2.5 years old) and Londyn (1 year old) can’t yet tell their own stories, but they’re already becoming lifelong learners, so we asked their father, Stan, to share a bit about the important role Stark Library is playing in this chapter of their development.

“We’ve had our daughters at the Library from day one. My wife, Erica, took a year off from teaching when our second daughter was born, so the three of them would head over to the Plain Community Branch for storytime. It’s great to see the concepts and ideas in their books come to life.

But the Library comes home with us too, with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Londyn is entranced by picture books, while Brooklyn is starting to handle conceptual thought books – mastering her colors, letters, and numbers. *A is for Awesome* introduced her to famous women from history, and it’s more than awesome that she can identify and start to see her own life potential.

It’s not all about learning. Sometimes, it’s just nice to stop at the Library when we’re out running errands and our girls need to blow off some steam. It’s like a pit stop that keeps everybody in our family a bit calmer and happier.

We are constantly becoming aware of more resources the Library has to offer, and are excited to get our daughters involved in as much as possible. I don’t know if we’ll be able to read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, but we’re going to grab a card and move through as many titles as we possibly can.”

**Do you have children who could benefit from these sorts of resources?** Let us support them along the way. Learn more StarkLibrary.org/fun.

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Check in with Michelle Williams

Thu Mar 7 | 6:30 pm | Canton Palace Theatre

Michelle Williams is a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, actress, and author. She rose to fame in the 2000s as a member of one of the best-selling female groups of all time, Destiny’s Child. Now, Michelle is a mental health advocate who became one of the first celebrities to publicly discuss their battle with depression, which led to her hosting her own podcast *Checking-In with Michelle Williams* on the iHeart Media Network.

In 2021 she released her first book, *Checking In: How Getting Real about Depression Saved My Life—and Can Save Yours*, and just a year later she released a follow-up Journal, *The Daily Check-In*.

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See Andrew McCarthy

Sat May 11 | 6:30 pm | Canton Palace Theatre

Director, award-winning travel writer and actor Andrew McCarthy made his professional début at 19 in *Class*. He has appeared in dozens of films, including iconic *Pretty in Pink*, and classic favorites *Weekend at Bernie’s* and *Mannequin*.

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In her book, *Checking In: How Getting Real About Depression Saved My Life and Can Save Yours*, Michelle discusses her public life as well as her ongoing struggle with depression and eventually prevailing.

Andrew’s latest book, *Walking with Sam*, features his 500-mile journey across Spain with his son as he takes his first steps into adulthood. During the course of the journey, the two had more honest discussions in five weeks than they had in the previous two decades. This story reflects the father and son’s intimate, open, and hopeful journey across the country and toward each other.

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