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The Party of the Century



By Nancy Levin, Director

As the year begins to wane, I am anticipating a great year ahead. In 2016, Heights Libraries will celebrate its Centennial!

Our system got its start in 1915, when the Heights Libraries School Board set aside funds garnered from non-resident tuition paying pupils to set up a school library at the newly built Lee Road School. They purchased 1,933 volumes and would have purchased more but there wasn't enough room for them all in the tiny space.

In 1916, the school district appointed a library board led by Charles E. Adams. Adams hired our first librarian, Helen Keeler, who was paid \$560 a year! From such humble beginnings our library system was born. Over the decades that followed, three more buildings were built, our staff grew to 150 people, and we won awards for our service and finances. In other words, we have much to celebrate!

We will commemorate our Centennial with events ranging from lectures to parties to the burying of a time capsule. We will be partnering with the Friends of the Heights Library and the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries (FFHL) to make everyone a part of this gala year. The Friends will be sponsoring the kick-off event with prize-winning author Mary Doria Russell, and FFHL will be asking our supporters to celebrate our first 100 years by contributing \$100 toward our future. Those who do will have their names, or the name of their designee, added to a scroll in the time capsule!

As we look forward to our next 100 years, we also look forward to some big changes at the University Heights Branch in 2016-17. The architecture firm CBLH Design has been selected to create new plans for renovating the branch which was built in 1953. Keep an eye open for updates as our plans take shape. We hope to break ground in the summer of 2016.

Be Part of Heights Libraries' History

Join the \$100 for 100 Movement and help the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries (FFHL) secure the library's future.



FUND FOR THE FUTURE OF
Heights Libraries

In honor of the 100th year of Heights Libraries, the FFHL is co-sponsoring a time capsule to be opened in 2065. Included will be names of library lovers (like you!) to be read aloud at the burial and opening of the capsule.

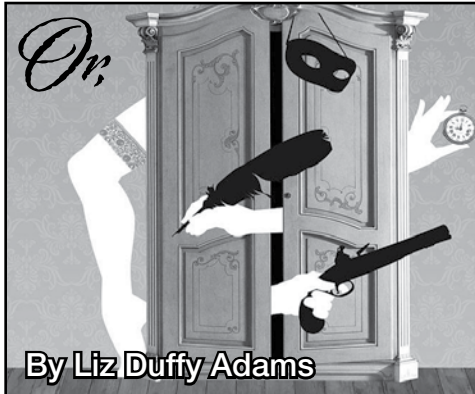
As a **\$100 for 100 Movement** member you'll receive annual updates and knowledge that your gift will secure a bright future for our Heights Libraries and our community.

Visit our web page for more information,
www.heightslibrary.org/fund-for-the-future-of-heights-library.



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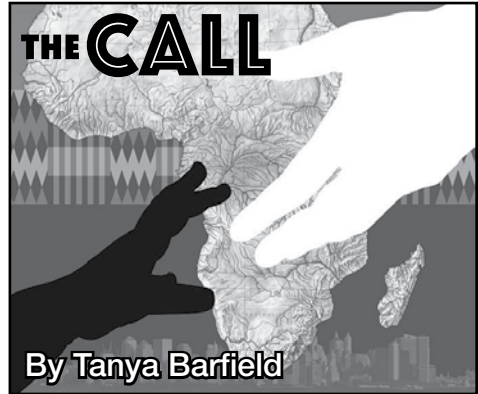
By Liz Duffy Adams

Based loosely on true events, OR, takes place during a night in the life of Aphra Behn, real life poetess, spy, and soon to be the first professional female playwright.

Sprung from debtors' prison after a disastrous overseas mission, Aphra is desperate to get out of the spy trade. Can Aphra resist the charms of her new love, save King Charles II's life, win a double agent his pardon, and finish her latest play all in one night? Find out in this funny, sexy, and inventive neo-Restoration comedy.

MIDWEST PREMIERE

September 4 - October 4, 2015



By Tanya Barfield

Annie and Peter decide to adopt, setting their sights on a child from Africa. But when they receive surprising news from the adoption agency, their marriage is put to the test, secrets of the past are exposed, and this couple approaching midlife is left with an unexpected choice. Politically charged, funny and tack-sharp, THE CALL is an intimate portrait of cultural divide, casting global issues into the heart of an American home.

MIDWEST PREMIERE

October 23 - November 15, 2015

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FRIENDS Fall Mega Sale

Huge selection, great prices!

- **Thursday, November 5, 5–9 p.m.**
Special Preview. \$10 per person;
FRIENDS members free
- **Friday, November 6, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.**
- **Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

- **Sunday, November 8, 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m.**
Clearance bag sale. Fill a bag with what remains for \$5.
- **Monday, November 9, 9 a.m.**
Remaining items are FREE! Schools, nonprofits,
and others are welcome to help themselves.

Save the date for this super Mega Sale
on the first floor at Lee Road.








Nurturing Families
for 30 Years
(216) 321-0079
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Family Connections’ programs are designed to offer parents a variety of opportunities to enhance their parenting experience, build their confidence as parents, and provide resources for them to become the parents they strive to be. Although we know parenting can be hard, we also believe it can be fun! Play is the best way for kids to learn, grow, and develop all of the important early skills. Play is also a great way for parents to enjoy their kids!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Little Heights 9 a.m.–Noon Heights Lee Road branch	Large Muscle Room 10 a.m.–Noon Coventry School	Baby & Me Drop-In 9:30–11:30 a.m. Coventry School	Drop-In 9:30–11:30 a.m. Coventry School	Large Muscle Room 10 a.m.–Noon Coventry School
Large Muscle Room 10 a.m.–Noon Coventry School	Lunch Bunch Drop-In Noon–1:30 p.m. Coventry School	Lunch Bunch Drop-In Noon–1:30 p.m. Coventry School	Little Heights 3:30–6:00 p.m. Heights Lee Road branch	
Drop-In 3:30–5:30 p.m. Coventry School	Large Muscle Room 3–5 p.m. Coventry School	Large Muscle Room 3–5 p.m. Coventry School		

All locations closed Monday, Sept. 7, and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 & 27.

Little Heights: Our Family Literacy Playroom at the Library

Enjoy our playroom while building important school readiness skills. Our carefully chosen materials give parents the perfect chance to help their child learn to count, sort, match, and become a confident learner.

Drop-In Play Sessions at Coventry School: Have fun with other families in our playroom filled with fun and interesting toys and play equipment. Run, jump, slide, and spin in our Large Muscle Room!

Baby and Me: The first year of parenthood is filled with many experiences ranging from joy to fear, from delight to frustration. This informal program encourages parents to get acquainted, share challenges and milestones, find support, and gain information from each other and staff.

Parenting Classes: Family Connections runs quarterly parenting workshops. The sessions are usually held in the evenings, and child care and a light meal are provided to make it easier for families to participate. Schedule will be posted at familyconnections1.org as soon as it becomes available.

Family School Connection: A neighborhood-based family literacy and engagement program located in all 7 elementary schools in the Cleveland Heights –University Heights School District. The program’s goals are to increase parental engagement in children’s education and school; encourage children’s literacy and school success by engaging in play-based literacy activities; help families establish routines that include increased conversation, parent child activities, educational play opportunities, and reading time; provide opportunities for parents to get to know and gain support from one another; and familiarize parents with community resources that can help them.

Storytimes and Programs for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

Baby Bonanza

Tues, Sept 1–Nov 24, 10 a.m. at Lee

Wed, Sept 2–Nov 25, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry

Bring your babies and blankets in for books, bopping, and bouncing at our year-round lap-sit program.

This is the perfect program for children too young to enjoy Story Stop, but not too young to have fun. For children birth through walking.

Baby Stay and Play

Tues, Sept 1–Nov 24, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

Children can make friends and adults can trade secrets at this drop-in, open program with books, puppets, puzzles, and toys. Stick around after storytime and make a morning of it.

Come Out and Play!

Thurs, Oct 8–Nov 12, 10 a.m. at Lee

Come prepared to play in a fully-immersive tactile and sensory-based storytime. Enjoy books, songs, and hands-on exploration through noise makers, paint, cardboard boxes, and more! Ages 1–3.

Toddling Time

Fri, Sept 4–Nov 27, 9:30 a.m. at University Heights

A storytime just for toddlers and their families! Stories, songs, rhymes, and other surprises that help develop early literacy skills. For families with children under the age of three.

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Fri, Sept. 4–Nov 27, 10 a.m. at University Heights

Toddlers can make friends and adults can trade secrets at this drop-in, open program with books, puppets, puzzles, and toys. Stick around after storytime and make a morning of it.

Young and the Restless

Tues, Sept 1–Nov 24, 11 a.m. at Lee

The same great experience you get from our Story Stop programs, now designed specifically for toddlers. This reading extravaganza will help teach early literacy through books, songs, music, and more. Ages 2–3½.

Story Stop

Wed, Sept 2–Nov 25, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry & University Heights

Mon, Sept 14–Nov 30, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. at Lee

Fri, Sept 4, Sept 25–Nov 20, 10:30 a.m. at Noble

Hear stories, sing songs, do a little dancing too! Bring the entire family and get in on the action. Books, music, and activities help develop early literacy skills during our weekly reading adventure.

Stay and Play

Wed, Sept 2–Nov 25, 11 a.m. at Coventry & University Heights

Children can make friends and adults can trade secrets at this drop-in, open program with books, puppets, puzzles, and toys. Stick around after storytime and make a morning of it.

Explorastory

Thurs, Sept 3–Nov 19, 11 a.m. at Lee

Fri, Sept 4–Nov 20, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

Join us for stories, rhymes, play, and exploration. Inspired by the work of Reggio Emilia educators, we will engage our hearts, hands, and minds in activities that connect us to stories, one another, and the world around us. Ages 2–5.

Little Heights: A Literacy Playroom

Thurs, Sept 3–Nov 19, 3:30 p.m. at Lee

Mon, Sept 7–Nov 30, 9 a.m. at Lee

Get inspired and let your imagination lead you in literacy-based play activities designed for families with children up to age 5. Presented jointly by Heights Libraries and Family Connections.

Sing and Swing - Music Together

Fri, Sept 11, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Noble

Sing and Swing is offering a demo of their Music Together class—an early childhood music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and the adults that love them. **Registration begins Aug 28.**

Coventry Baby Signs

Sat, Sept 26, 11:30 a.m. at Coventry

Want to communicate with your prelingual baby? Avoid frustration and have even more fun! Join Melissa O'Grady for an introduction to baby signs and the philosophy behind it. **Registration begins Sept 12.**

Kids in Harmony

Wed, Oct 7–Nov 11, 10 a.m. at Lee

Hear the music, feel the beat! At Kids in Harmony, storytime becomes all about listening to music and creating it with our bodies and instruments.

Sensory Storytime

Sat, Oct 17, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

Enjoy a safe, non-judgmental environment, a schedule board to follow along, flannel board stories, gentle music, and a half-hour playtime for the entire family. For kids of all ages with differing abilities, siblings, parents/caregivers, and typically developing peers.

Registrations begins Oct 2.

Baby Brain Time

Fri, Oct 23, 10 a.m. at Lee

Join us for a special morning of caregiver and child interaction focusing on books and other learning toys to enhance brain development. Ages 6 months–2.

Presented in partnership with Family Connections and located in the Little Heights Playroom.

Registration begins Oct 2.



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Turns 150

Journey to Wonderland and experience the magic of Lewis Carroll's immortal classic that has charmed both children and adults alike for over a century with its wild, absurd humor and sly references to mathematics and politics.

Look for the “A” icon to find related programs throughout *Check Us Out!*

LEE

LAF: Wii Game Day

Tues, Sept 8–Nov 24, 3:30 p.m.

Looking for something to do after school? Every Tuesday we offer a variety of Wii and board games!

LAF: Mini Makers and Awesome Activities!

Wed, Sept 9–Nov 18, 3:30 p.m.

Are you a creative type? Do you love to “make stuff” with your hands? Come join us for a variety of creative programs—arts and crafts, Lego building challenges, science activities, and the occasional dance party thrown in for good measure. **No program on Sept 23.**

5th Annual Pet Show

Sun, Oct 4, 2 p.m.

Bring your pet back to the library and show off their best stuff. Animals of all shapes and sizes can bark, howl, meow, and hiss in our wonderful show. Kids must bring an adult to help handle the pet. Pets must stay in cages or on leashes. **Rain date: Oct 11. Registration begins Sept 20.**

Family Fun Film: *Lilo and Stitch*

Fri, Oct 23, 6:30 p.m.

Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten. Join Lilo, Nani, and Experiment 626, a.k.a. Stitch, as they learn what being a family really means... but with action and Elvis and free popcorn. (2002, 85 min.) **Registration begins Oct 9.**

COVENTRY

Unbirthday Party

Mon, Sept 21, 4 p.m.

A very merry unbirthday to you! Wear your finest fancy-dress for tea and cookies, stories, and hat and mask making.

Creating with Clay: Falling Leaves

Tues, Oct 13, 4:30 p.m.

Join Cleveland Clayworks to create a beautiful fall leaf plate. **Registration begins Sept 29.**

The Mad Hatter Artist

Mon, Oct 19, 4 p.m.

Slop and scribble, scrabble and babble, and let your inner Mad Hatter loose during this free-form family art night.

Down the Rabbit Hole

Mon, Nov 16, 4 p.m.

Stretch your imagination and your engineering skills while we build towers, mazes, and marble runs.

NOBLE

Green Thumb Gardening

Wed, Sept 2–30, 3:30 p.m.

A time to explore and get dirty in the Noble Community Garden. We will be planting, weeding, watering, picking, and having loads of family fun! In case of bad weather an indoor activity will be provided.

Family Yoga

Sat, Sept 26, 10 a.m.

Certified yoga instructor, Jessica Markowitz, will lead

families with children 12 and under through gentle stretches and basic poses. **Registration begins Sept 12.**

Kids Cafe Afterschool Snack

Tues, Sept 8–Nov 17, 3:30 p.m.

Thurs, Sept 10–Nov 19, 3:30 p.m.

Youth ages 0–18 can stop in for a free, nutritious snack courtesy of the Cleveland Food Bank.

Zine Creation

Mon, Oct 5–26, 3:30 p.m.

Children ages grades K–5 will collage and mash up poetry, paper, doodles, and art to create their own zines!

Minute Challenges

Wed, Oct 7–28, 3:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday after school children ages K–5 can try to complete a challenging activity in less than one minute!

Are You Afraid of the Dark?

Wed, Oct 14, 6 p.m.

Children grades 2–5, accompanied by an adult, will share scary stories, crafts, and games. **Registration begins Sept 30.**

Mad Hatter Haberdashery

Sat, Oct 24, 2:30 p.m.

Families will celebrate the 150th anniversary of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by creating marvelously silly Mad Hatter hats. **Registration begins Oct 10.**

Around the World

Mon, Nov 2–23, 3:30 p.m.

Every Monday after school children grades K–5 can participate in activities and crafts from a different country.

CRAFTernoons

Wed, Nov 4–25, 3:30 p.m.

Release your inner artist. Children of all ages are invited to join us for an afternoon of painting, creating, “arting,” and fun!

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS



Milk and Cookie Storytime with Panera

Sat, Sept 5 & Oct 3, Nov 7, 10:30 a.m.

What could be better than a storytime with a cookie and milk provided by Panera Bread? **Registration begins 2 weeks before each date.**

Tech for Kids

Tues, 6:30 p.m.

Kids in grades K–5, bring your favorite adult as we explore different technology each month.

Sept 8: Code.org—Ever wonder how a video game is created? Join us as we use our mobile laptop lab and explore code.org. **Registration begins Aug 25.**

Oct 13: Scratch—Using our mobile laptop lab, we will learn about coding as we explore Scratch.

Registration begins Sept 29.

Nov 10: Squishy Circuits—Create an electrical circuit with Squishy Circuits, using special playdough, batteries, and LEDs. **Registration begins Oct 27.**

Create Your Own Comic Book

Thurs, Oct 22, 6 p.m.

Why let the people at Marvel and DC have all the fun? Kids in grades 3–5 are invited to enter the library’s secret, underground base, where we have all the tools to create, draw, and color your own comic books. All while enjoying free pizza and refreshments! **Registration begins Oct 8.**

Too Old for Children’s Programs,
Too Young for Teen Programs?

Tween Space Is for You.

Mon–Fri, Sept 1–Nov 30, 3:30 p.m. at Coventry

Looking for somewhere to gather with friends, play games, and relax after school? Grades 5–8 are welcome in our Tween Space for Wii Wednesdays, homework help, and more.



LEE

Teen Spot

Mon–Fri Sept 1–Nov 30, 3:30 p.m.

Stop by our teen room every weekday afternoon for fun programs and to hang out with other teens like you.

Mon: Video Game Day

Tues: Viral Videos and Animé Club

Wed: Planned Library Programs

Thurs: Maker Space (see below)

Fri: Grab Bag

Maker Thursdays

Thurs, Sept 3–Nov 19, 3:30 p.m.

Want to create, tinker, build, sew, knit, or paint?

How about build a catapult, make modeling clay conductive, alter a book, or build a city with Legos?

Join us on Maker Thursdays as we take recycled materials and everyday items and explore the world of our imaginations.

Free Book and Pizza Club:

Superman Style

Wed, Sept 9, 4 p.m.

Soar away with a short discussion of *Superman: Secret Identity* by the legendary Kurt Busiek followed by pizza and a viewing of *Superman* (1978). **Stop by the Spot to register starting Aug 26.**

Nerdfighter Meet Up

Wed, Sept 16 & Oct 14, 4 p.m.

Greetings nerd fighters! Stop by to watch some Crash Course, swap book recommendations, and make buttons. As always, DFTBA.

Alice in Wonderland Day

Wed, Sept 23, 4 p.m.

Make a fun bottle necklace and watch Disney's *Alice in Wonderland*. **Registration begins Sept 9.**

Sherlock Tea Party

Wed, Sept 30, 4 p.m.

The game is afoot! Break out your deerstalker cap and enjoy a fun library mystery hunt that ends at 221b Baker Street with treats and tea for everyone.

Registration begins Sept 16.

Carry On Release Party

Wed, Oct 7, 4 p.m.

Celebrate the release of Rainbow Rowell's newest book *Carry On* with Simon Snow (and Baz!) related crafts and trivia. One lucky participant will win a basket that includes a copy of the book and other surprise goodies. **Registration opens Sept 23.**

Get Away at Your Library: Teen Read Week 2015

Sun, Oct 18–Sat Oct 24, All Day

Get away at your library with voting all week long for your favorite teen fiction titles. Each voting slip enters you into a raffle for reading-related goodies. Stop by Friday, Oct 23 from 4–5 for the raffle drawing, crafts, and snacks.

Back to the Future 2

Wed, Oct 21, 4 p.m.

Put on your rainbow hat and break out the hover boards, it's time to welcome Marty McFly to the future. Come watch *Back to the Future II* with us and help us make a time capsule. (1989, 108 min.)

A Very Potter Tea Party

Wed, Oct 28, 4 p.m.

Come get witchy with it at this wondrous tea party. Bring out your pointiest hat and don your invisibility cloak while we dine on Harry Potter-rific teas and eat festive treats. Also featuring a Sorting Ceremony and other fun activities. **Registration begins Oct 14.**

NaNoWriMo

Wed, 4 p.m.

Nov 4: Teen Kickoff—Let the madness begin! National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) has kicked off, so stop by our writer's boot camp to plan out your novel. All those who finish at least 10,000 words will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Target gift card. Stop by the Lee Road teen room during Spot time to sign up. **Registration begins Nov 1.**

Nov 11: National Novel Writing Month continues. Meet up to talk about how it's all going and get some pizza. Food provided for writers only.

Nov 18: Take a break from your novel to complete some short and fun poetry prompts and play other writing games like the Lovely Bones. Don't forget to enter the raffle if you already have 10,000 words.

Nov 25: That's a wrap people! NaNoWriMo is coming to a close, so now is the time to scramble to finish. But first stop by this celebration, share what you've written, and have some cake.

NOBLE

Afterschool Zone

Mon–Fri, Sept 1–Nov 30, 3 p.m.

Drop by every weekday afternoon from 3–5:30 to hang out with your friends, play games, and have fun! Ages 11 and up welcome.



Intergeneration Month—Ask Another Age Tues, Sept 8, 3:30 p.m.

September is Intergeneration Month, and our teenage years are a touching time to talk to someone outside our peer group. Let's brainstorm questions we would like to go out and ask younger or older people that we know. We'll reconvene later in the month to hang out and talk about what we've learned.

Intergeneration Month—Listening Party Tues, Sept 22, 3:30 p.m.

Come back and tell us about your discussions with the children or elders that you interviewed. Let's talk about what we learned and have a party in their honor. Tell Miss Monica what the person's favorite snack or candy is ahead of time, and she will bring it in for the event.

Recitation Remixes

Thurs, Sept 17, Oct 22, & Nov 19, 4 p.m.

Recitation has a rich history of social entertainment. Let's bring it back into the millennium and impress our friends and family. We will memorize a simple poem as a group by handwriting, whispering, shouting, dialoguing, and acting. No boring flashcards required. The fun will teach us.

I'm A Boss!

(Young Entrepreneurs Series)

Thurs, 4 p.m.

Young professionals who own their own company/business will provide career tips, business etiquette, and hands-on workshops aimed to nurture the teen entrepreneurial spirit. **Registration begins Sept 17.**

Oct 1: Boss Baker, Sweets Maker!

Oct 15: Mind Your Business as an Artist!

Oct 29: So You Think You Know Fashion—Let's Blog!

Unbirthday Party

Fri, Oct 16, 3:30 p.m.

A very Merry Unbirthday to you! Let's party like its Opposite Day. We will play games, eat, and read together. Learn about how nonsense makes the most sense in literature. Sometimes saying something silly actually reveals the serious.

Memoir Month Series

Wed, Nov 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4 p.m.

November is National Memoir Writing Month.

Teenage years are a great time to start writing down your thoughts and feelings about your own history.

We will talk and write about different subjects and read excerpts from others who have written about that subject in a meaningful way every Wednesday.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Teen Spot

Mon–Fri, Sept 1–Nov 30, 3:30 p.m.

Need a place after school to relax and have fun?

Come to our Teen Spot.

Locker Decoration

Thurs, Sept 10, 4 p.m.

We'll provide magnets and craft materials to create decorations for your school locker.

All take place at the Lee Road branch unless noted.

The Hunt for the Hunting of the Snark

Tues, Sept 1–Mon, Nov 30, All Day

In the midst of their hunt for the Snark, the members of the hunting party have gone missing! Follow clues across the library to help bring them back together, with a chance to win a prize for completing your mission. This scavenger hunt starts on the 2nd floor and can be done during regular hours.

Knitting Night at Lee Road

Tues, Sept 8 & 22, Oct 13 & 27, Nov 10 & 24, 7 p.m.

Come learn how to knit or work on a project. Experienced knitters and newcomers are welcome as well as children. Please bring your own needles and yarn. Some practice yarn will be provided and there will be instructors to help you learn this fun craft.

Garden Harvest Party

Sun, Sept 20, 2 p.m. at Coventry

Celebrate the fall harvest after a summer of growing together in the garden. Stop by to enjoy the bounty from our Coventry Collaborative Garden, or bring some dishes made from your own harvest for all to share.

A Toothy Affair

Sun, Sept 27, 2 p.m.

Do you have questions about your chompers? Everyone, from infants to seniors, can stop in and even learn about tooth care. The Tooth Fairy will read a story every hour. CASE Dental Students will be on hand to provide free cleanings, answer questions, and give out packets for kids.

Family Fun Night: Pinterest Party

Tues, Oct 20, 6:30 p.m.

Do you “pin” more crafts than you ever have time for? Itching to learn to knit/crochet? Crafty folk of all ages are welcome. We’ll provide all craft supplies. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, please bring those supplies, and we will have someone to assist you. **Registration begins Oct 6.**



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Alice (For the Rest of Us) 
featuring WCPN’s Dee Perry

Mon, Nov 2, 7 p.m. at Dobama Theatre

We know Alice’s story, but what is the story behind the story and the sense behind the nonsense? What exactly is a Cheshire Cat? Why is a raven like a writing desk? And most importantly—*who are you?* These questions may or may not be answered in a spirited and dynamic reader’s theatre presentation. **Registration suggested, and opens Oct 2.**

Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland

LEE ROAD
BRANCH

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 8 • 6 P.M.



Celebrate the 150th anniversary of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* by taking a fun-filled trip through Wonderland! Families register for a 30-minute time slot. List the number of people in your party. Space is limited, so please sign up early! For all ages. **Registration begins Sept 17.**

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COVENTRY VILLAGE

Cedar-Coventry Author Series

Weds, 7 p.m. Presented in partnership with Mac's Backs and Appletree Books.

Sept 2: James Robenalt

Attorney and historian Robenalt will read from his new book *January 1973: Watergate, Roe v. Wade, Vietnam and the Month that Changed America Forever*. This account of that tumultuous month is based partly on newly released Nixon tapes. **Registration begins Aug 19.**

Oct 7: Tim Lachina and Ray McNiece

Love Song for Cleveland: Poems and photography of the rise and fall and rebirth of the Midwestern industrial power, Cleveland. Cleveland poet Ray McNiece crafts a long song to his battered and resilient home. Tim Lachina's stunning photography perfectly illustrates McNiece's words. **Registration begins Sept 23.**

Nov 4: Paula McLain

McLain reads from her novel *Circling the Sun*, the fictionalized biography of aviator Beryl Markham set in Africa in the 1920s. **Registration begins Oct 21.**

Tai Chi and Qi Gong

Wed, Sept 2 – Nov 25, 12 p.m.

Sat, Sept 5 – Nov 28, 10 a.m.

Join instructor Ruth Butler as she teaches the 24 short form of Tai Chi and the Eight Best Movements for Health from Qi Gong practice. Tai Chi and Qi Gong are gentle forms of exercise ideal for any age.

Step Out of Time Series

Thurs, 7 p.m.

Sept 10: Hypnosis as a Healing Tool—This session, led by hypnotherapist Tracy M. Harris, will demonstrate some of the uses hypnosis for healing.

Oct 8: Cosmopolitanism—As globalization sets in at an accelerating pace, a perspective and philosophy known to a few from ancient times, cosmopolitanism, is resurging. Dietz Ziechmann leads a discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of such an attitude.

Nov 12: Trinity of Co-Creation—Joshua Mendel, author of *Hineni*, leads an evening of sharing around "trinity," not in the traditional religious concept, but that miraculous relationship between you, another person, thing, entity, or idea and a power greater than each of us, leading to inspiration and heightened creativity.

Coventry Concert Night

Mon, Sept 14, Oct 12, & Nov 9, 7:30 p.m.

Settle back to enjoy a wonderful concert showcasing the talent of Cleveland Institute of Music students and graduates. Performances vary each month; check back close to concert times for the upcoming selections and performers.

Deaf Gathering

Mon, Sept 28, Oct 26, & Nov 23, 6:30 p.m.

Open social hour for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing people interested in learning more about deaf culture. An interpreter will be provided.

Ukulele Jam

Tues, Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, 7 p.m.

Bring your ukulele for an evening of strumming, singing, and generally having a good time. All levels welcome, listeners welcome. Music provided.

Deaf Culture Film Night

Mon, Oct 5, 7 p.m.

Alice in Wonderland is The National Technical Institute for the Deaf's presentation of Lewis Carroll's story performed in signed and spoken English. Deaf and hearing audiences alike will learn something new. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Local Author: Scott Kraynak

Tues, Oct 6, 7 p.m.

Scott Kraynak discusses his inventive picture book for grownups. *Animal Crackers*, a mix of art and poetry, is written and illustrated to show what would happen if nature had the power to do to us what we are doing to it.

Poets Journey in Wonderland

Sun, Oct 25, 2 p.m.

Open poetry reading for local poets to share tales of journeys and poetry.

LEE

eBooks for Apple, Android, and Nook

Tues, Sept 1, 7 p.m.

Sat, Oct 3, 11 a.m.

Thurs, Nov 12, 11 a.m.

Learn how to use the OverDrive app to borrow and enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming video on your Apple, Android, or Nook device. You must have a library card to download items from the eMedia collection. Please bring your tablet device to class.

Registration begins Aug 18, Sept 19, and Oct 29.

Genealogy Online

Thurs, Sept 3, 7 p.m.

Fri, Oct 9, 11 a.m.

Get started researching your family's history by learning basic genealogy searching tips and tricks. Learn how to use library resources such as Ancestry.com and other available online resources.

Registration begins Aug 20, and Sept 25.

eBooks for Kindle

Tues, Sept 8, 7 p.m.

Sat, Oct 17, 11 a.m.

Thurs, Nov 19, 11 a.m.

Learn how to borrow and enjoy eBooks from the library on your Kindle, Kindle Fire, Fire HD, or Fire HDX. You must have a library card to download items from the eMedia collection. Kindle Fire HD and Fire HDX users will learn how to access additional materials such as audiobooks and streaming media. Please bring your Kindle device to class.

Registration begins Aug 25, Oct 3, and Nov 5.

Employment Series

Resume Workshop

Fri, Sept 4, 11 a.m.

Transform your resume into a powerful tool that will get you interviews. This workshop will help you create or update a powerful, eye catching, polished resume and cover letter using Microsoft Word. If you have an existing resume or cover letter please bring it to class.

Registration begins Aug 21.

Jobs Online

Fri, Sept 11, 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of searching for jobs online, including how to make professional connections, find available employment opportunities, and apply for positions efficiently on the Internet. If you have a resume, please bring it on a flashdrive. **Registration begins Aug 28.**

Interview Workshop

Fri, Sept 25, 11 a.m.

This class will help you prepare for an interview, including how to manage stress during the job seeking process and helpful hints to have a good interview. **Registration begins Sept 11.**


Deep Reading Time

Wed, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, 7 p.m.


Take part in a half-hour of deep reading. Bring something with you to read, and we'll provide notepads, pencils, and a quiet space to distance yourself from distractions and heighten your reading experience. At 7:30, you're welcome to join us for the Original Voices Book Club.

Original Voices Book Club

Wed, 7:30 p.m.

Sept 9: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass* by Lewis Carroll 

Over the course of 150 years, Alice has entered the world's popular imagination. Rediscover these two childhood classics or, perhaps, read them for the first time. Enter into the fantastical landscape of Charles Dodgson's mind, and find unexpected treasures that you may have missed as a kid.

Oct 14: *Alice I Have Been* by Melanie Benjamin 

Following her life through a precocious childhood, a royal romance, a world at war, motherhood, and personal tragedy, this rich historical novel blends fact and fiction as Alice Liddell Hargreaves grapples with being known as the legendary protagonist immortalized in Lewis Carroll's timeless tale.

Nov 11: *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie

"All children, except one, grow up." With these words, Barrie introduces a memorable cast of characters that has been delighting readers for over a century. Flying into this novel of Neverland, we'll get (re)acquainted with Wendy, the Lost Boys, Tinker Bell, Captain Hook, and, of course, Peter Pan.

Local History Programs

Presented in collaboration with the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission and the Cleveland Heights Historical Society.

House History Workshop

Thurs, Sept 10, 7 p.m.

Using local research tools as well as online sites, this workshop will teach participants to research their home's history, including when it was built and by whom, its many owners, and locating historic photos.

M.M. Brown's Mayfield Heights Allotment

Thurs, Oct 1, 7 p.m.

This neighborhood—bounded roughly by Euclid Heights Boulevard, Coventry, Mayfield, and Superior roads—originated in the late-1800s and is rich in history and lovely 19th and early 20th century homes. Learn about the history and architecture of what many consider "Coventry Village."



University Hospitals
Seidman Cancer Center

Arts for Wellness – For Those Affected by Cancer

Sat, 10 a.m.

Sept 12: Memoir: Telling Your Story
"An hour of writing is a tonic." – Ray Bradbury.
Through this workshop we will explore anecdotes, family stories, and memoirs to compose personal narratives.

Nov 7 & 21: Finger Knitted Scarves

For this cozy fall themed workshop, we will show you how to make a faux-knitted scarf. You'll be using your fingers to knit—no knitting needles! It is simple, fast, and perfect for wearing on fall and winter days. This is a two-part workshop; please attend both to complete your project.

Register through University Hospitals at
(216) 844-1211.

Third Tuesday Book Club

Tues, 7 p.m. at the Tavern Co. – 2260 Lee Road

Join our lively monthly book club. We will be reading great books, both modern and classic, and partaking in engaging discussions.

Sept 15: Mette Ivie Harrison's *The Bishop's Wife*, a Mormon mystery which also depicts Mormon daily life

Oct 20: Charles Dickens' classic Victorian novel of thieves and redemption, *The Adventures of Oliver Twist*

Nov 17: *Without You, There Is No Us* by Suki Kim, a memoir of her time as a visiting English instructor in North Korea



Science & Nature Study Group: Curiouser and Curiouser

This three-part series will echo facets of Alice's strange journey through Wonderland as we explore some of the unusual things to be found throughout the universe. Presented in partnership with the Harold T. Clark Library at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Curiouser and Curiouser: Lab Notes

Wed, Sept 16, 7 p.m. at Lee

Many Sides of the Mushroom, a talk by Bob Bartolotta of Adult Programs and the Seismic Observatory of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, on hallucinogenic, poisonous, and medicinal mushrooms and plants.

Curiouser and Curiouser: Field Work

Wed, Sept 30, 7 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

The Whispers of Earthquakes and Other Adventures Under Ground, an exclusive, behind-the-scenes guided tour of the Museum's Seismic Observatory.

Registration opens Sept 16.

Curiouser and Curiouser: Book Discussion

Wed, Oct 21, 7 p.m. at Lee

We'll discuss *Hiding in the Mirror: The Mysterious Allure of Extra Dimensions, from Plato to String Theory and Beyond* by Lawrence M. Krauss, about the popular notions and scientific underpinnings of ideas behind parallel universes and alternate realities.

Lee Road Movie Night: Alice

Fri, Sept 25, 6:30 p.m.

Mia Farrow stars as an unhappy housewife who undergoes a journey of self-discovery after seeing an acupuncturist with magical herbs. Woody Allen's romantic comedy is loosely based on *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. With William Hurt and Joe Mantegna. (1990, 102 minutes)

Random Acts of Alice

Fri, Oct 2, 6:30 p.m.

A "frabjous" evening for teens and adults inspired by *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*: papercrafts, games, trivia, recitations of nonsense verse, an (iced) tea party with "stolen" jam tarts, and maybe even a surprise or two.

The Creative Imagination of Lewis Carroll

Wed, Oct 7, 7 p.m.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, a satire of Victorian England, is filled with characters that delight a young person's dreams. But did the author, a math lecturer at Oxford, have more in mind than a delightful fantasy for children? Dr. Lynn Zimmerman of Notre Dame College will explore Carroll's visionary work.



Cleveland Play House Script Club:

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

Mon, Oct 12, 7 p.m.

Like a book discussion, but with a script in the spotlight. The village of Salem is running wild with tales of witchcraft as deep-seated jealousies, lust, greed, and exaggerated accusations bubble to the surface. This American classic dares to put us all on trial. **Registration begins Sept 12.**

Altered Alice:

A Drop-in Art Experience

Sat, Oct 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the HKIC Art Gallery

Anytime from 11 to 3, stop by our Gallery Space to make mini-books or collages based on the whimsical poems and classic Tenniel imagery from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. We'll supply the ambiance, simple instructions, and basic art materials; you supply your favorite embellishments and creative spark.

Indigenous Peoples Read-In

Sun, Oct 18, 2 p.m.

Celebrate the voices of Indigenous Peoples. You're encouraged to bring a short selection from a Native American or other indigenous writer to share, or to simply be part of the audience. Co-sponsored by the FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries. **Registration required for readers only, and opens Sept 18.**

Bell, Book, and Candle: Magical Texts from Ancient Times to the Present

Wed, Oct 28, 7 p.m.

Many enchanters have a grimoire, herbal, or list of prophecies. These written sources pass on occult lore, categorize knowledge, and record outcomes. We'll trace the history of these arcane treatises, and also look at the ways that wizards and witches have been depicted in images, for good or ill.

What Is Community? - A Discussion Hosted by Heights Community Congress

Thurs, Nov 12, 7 p.m.

Community is a word used in many contexts, from knowing your neighbor to supporting local schools to gardening together. Using the World Café method, HCC will explore the ideas and values that influence and define the word. **Call (216) 321-6775 for more info or to register—walk-ins also welcomed.**



Art Study Group: Down the Rabbit Hole at the CMA

Wed, Nov 18, 7 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art

In *Wonderland*, Alice encountered all sorts of creatures and hijinks by following the White Rabbit, and eventually had tea with the March Hare. We'll join in her adventures on this docent-led tour, tracking down artists' renditions of the Leporidae family. **Registration begins Nov 4.**

Lee Road Movie Night:

Finding Neverland

Fri, Nov 20, 6:30 p.m.

Discover how author J.M. Barrie came up with the story of *Peter Pan*. Johnny Depp leads an all-star cast in the role of Barrie. With Kate Winslet, Julie Christie, and Dustin Hoffman. (2004, 106 minutes)

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Noble Needles Knitting Circle

Thurs, Sept 3 & 17, Oct 1 & 15, Nov 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your current knitting project, or, if a beginner, a ball of knitting worsted yarn and size 8 or 9 needles.

Noble Great Books Discussion

Tues, 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss some of history's most important literary works. For more information and selected texts, please visit www.noblegreatbooks.org.

Sept 15: *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren

Oct 6: *The Sense of Beauty* (Introduction, Parts I and II, and Part III through section 25) by George Santayana

Oct 20: *A Good Man Is Hard to Find and Other Stories* (first six stories in the collection) by Flannery O'Connor

Nov 17: *The Spirit of Laws* (Preface and Books I through V) by Montesquieu

Listen and Learn: Podcasts

Mon, 7 p.m.

Podcasts, a form of Internet radio, are a quick and easy way to learn something new. We will be featuring episodes of Stuff You Missed in History Class, covering a different topic each month.

Sept 21: The Death of Poe

Oct 19: Was There a Real Sweeney Todd?

Nov 23: Is There a Real Macbeth Curse?

For the Love of Food- Film Screening and Discussion with Local Film-Maker Brad Masi

Mon, Sept 24, 7 p.m.

For the Love of Food explores how Oberlin, a small town west of Cleveland, localized its food supply and discovered a stronger sense of community in the process. **Registration begins Sept 10.**

Bad Art Night:

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland 

Thurs, Oct 22, 7 p.m.

Have you ever felt the need to make some interesting collages to hang in your home? If so, we can help you. Join us for a night of Alice in Wonderland themed "bad art" creating. There will be a contest for the best "bad art" in the bunch.

Yoga Flow

Sat, Oct 24, 10 a.m.

Awaken with an invigorating yoga practice. Class will include breathing exercises, sun salutations, heart opening vinyasas, balancing postures and a restorative close. All levels of experience welcome. We suggest a yoga mat or large towel, water, and comfortable clothing.

Golfing to Neverland

Mon, Nov 16, 7 p.m.

Soar with the help of golf balls to the "second star

to the right and straight on 'til morning." Test your mini golf skills, travel through the night sky, and find yourself in Neverland!

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Book Journeys Book Group

Wed, 2 p.m.

Sept 2: *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

Centenarian Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home and decides it's not too late to start over. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey.

Oct 7: *The Calligrapher's Daughter* by Eugenia Kim
In early-20th-century occupied Korea, Najin Han, privileged daughter of a calligrapher, longs to choose her own destiny but her father is determined to maintain tradition. In the shadow of the dying monarchy, Najin begins a journey through increasing oppression that will forever change her world.

Nov 4: *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver
A farm wife hikes up an Appalachian mountain road and is shocked to find a silent, forested valley filled with what looks like a lake of fire. She can only understand it as a cautionary miracle, but it evokes other explanations from scientists, religious leaders, and the media.

Senior Happenings

Thurs, Sept 3–Nov 19, 2 p.m.

Weekly lecture series sponsored by the City of University Heights. Call 321-4700 for details. Free and open to residents of all communities.



Healthy Heights/Healthy Community Initiative

Wed, 12:30 p.m.

Cleveland Clinic and Heights Libraries provide advice and tools to help you get the most out of your doctor visits, and to empower you to find the best health information available.

Sept 9: Communicating With Your Health Care Provider **Registration begins Aug 26.**

Sept 16: Finding Accurate and Reliable Health Information on the Internet. **Registration begins Sept 2.**

Cultural Encounters Film Series

Mon, 6:30 p.m.

A hand-picked selection of films. All movies are subject to availability.

University Heights Continued

Sept 14: *Love in the Time of Cholera* (2007, USA, 139 min.) Based on Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez's novel of the same name, director Mike Newell's *Love in the Time of Cholera* details a passionate love triangle that unfolds in turn-of-the-century South America.

Sept 21: *Chocolat* (2000, France, 121 min., English subtitles) The most tempting of all sweets becomes the key weapon in a battle of sensual pleasure versus disciplined self-denial in this comedy.

Sept 28: *Like Water for Chocolate* (1992, Mexico, 114 min., English subtitles) Based on the best-selling novel by Laura Esquivel, this internationally popular romantic fable from Mexico centers on a young woman who discovers that her cooking has magical effects.

Nov 2: *Foreign Letters* (2012, USA, 100 min.) Ellie, a 12-year-old immigrant girl from Israel, is lonely and homesick. Life brightens when she meets Thuy, a Vietnamese refugee her age.

Nov 9: *Jewish Cardinal* (France, 2012, 90 min., English subtitles) The Jewish Cardinal tells the

amazing true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants, who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism at a young age, and later joining the priesthood.

Nov 23: *The Pillow Book* (1996, UK, 126 min.) Beautiful to behold and impossible to forget, *The Pillow Book* is author Peter Greenaway's erotically-charged drama about love, death, revenge, and the indelible nature of our earliest memories.

Meet the Author: Betty Ruth Shear *Full Circle: My Success Story Living with Bipolar Disorder*

Sun, Oct 11, 2 p.m.

Forty years after her diagnosis with bipolar disease at age 19, Shear's success in living with mental illness is an inspiration to others facing similar challenges. Shear will talk about her new biography and the roller-coaster ride of events that led to the rainbow after the storm.

Computer Classes

Registration begins two weeks before the class date and is required for all computer classes. Classes that have part 1, 2, or 3 are available for registration two weeks before the first class. Call (216) 932-3600 or visit events.heightslibrary.org/computer-classes to register. All classes take place in the Lee Road computer classroom except where noted.

Individual Computer Tutorials

Need help with a Microsoft product like Word, Excel, or Windows? Don't understand the Internet? Having trouble with your iPad or Galaxy? Wish you could have some one-to-one expert advice from one of our Tech Trainers? Now you can.

Wed, Sept 2, 16, & 30, Oct 14 & 28, Nov 11, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., & 4 p.m.

Sat, Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24, Nov 7 & 21, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m.

Computer Basics

Computer Basics Part 1 - Using the Mouse

Tues, Sept 1, 11 a.m.; Mon, Oct 26, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 2 - Introduction to Computers

Tues, Sept 8, 11 a.m.; Mon, Nov 2, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 3 - Using the Internet

Tues, Sept 15, 11 a.m.; Mon, Nov 9, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 4 - Internet Access

Tues, Sept 22, 11 a.m.; Mon, Nov 16, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 5 - Web Searching

Tues, Sept 29, 11 a.m.; Mon, Nov 23, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 6 - Safety and Security

Tues, Oct 6, 11 a.m.; Mon, Nov 30, 7 p.m.

Media Lab Orientation

Sat, Sept 5, 11 a.m.; Tues, Sept 15, 7 p.m.; Fri, Oct 2, 11 a.m.

Computer Keyboard Basics Part 1

Tues, Oct 13, 11 a.m.

Computer Keyboard Basics Part 2

Tues, Oct 20, 11 a.m.

Computer Keyboard Basics Part 3

Tues, Oct 27, 11 a.m.

Windows Basics Part 1

Tues, Nov 3, 11 a.m.

Windows Basics Part 2

Tues, Nov 10, 11 a.m.

Computer Troubleshooting

Tues, Nov 17, 11 a.m.

iPad for Beginners

Sat, Sept 19, 11 a.m.; Tues, Nov 24, 11 a.m.

The Internet

Craigslist

Thurs, Sept 10, 7 p.m.; Fri, Oct 23, 11 a.m.

Facebook Part 1

Mon, Sept 14, 7 p.m.
Mon, Oct 5, 2 p.m. - Noble
Neighborhood Branch

Facebook Part 2

Mon, Sept 21, 7 p.m.
Mon, Oct 12, 2 p.m. - Noble
Neighborhood Branch

Facebook Part 3

Mon, Sept 28, 7 p.m.
Mon, Oct 19, 2 p.m. - Noble
Neighborhood Branch

Facebook Business Pages

Mon, Oct 5, 7 p.m.

eBay

Thurs, Sept 17, 7 p.m.; Fri, Oct 30, 11 a.m.

Zinio Digital Magazines

Tues, Sept 22, 7 p.m.

Freegal - Free Music

Download

Thurs, Sept 24, 7 p.m.; Fri, Nov 6, 11 a.m.

Hoopla

Tues, Sept 29, 7 p.m.

Prezi

Thurs, Oct 1, 7 p.m.; Fri, Nov 13, 11 a.m.

Twitter

Mon, Oct 12, 7 p.m.

Pinterest

Fri, Oct 16, 11 a.m.

Linkedin

Mon, Oct 19, 7 p.m.

Dropbox

Wed, Oct 21, 11 a.m.; Nov 11, 7 p.m.

Working with Digital Images

Tues, Oct 27, 7 p.m.

Web Tools for Small Businesses

Wed, Oct 28, 11 a.m.; Wed, Nov 18, 7 p.m.

Email Part 1

Wed, Nov 4, 11 a.m.

Email Part 2

Wed, Nov 11, 11 a.m.

Google Chrome

Wed, Nov 18, 11 a.m.

Google Drive

Fri, Nov 20, 11 a.m.

Web Development

Weebly Part 1

Tues, Nov 3, 7 p.m.

Weebly Part 2

Tues, Nov 10, 7 p.m.

Weebly Part 3

Tues, Nov 17, 7 p.m.

Weebly Part 4

Tues, Nov 24, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Excel 2013

Excel 2013 Part 1

Wed, Sept 2, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Oct 8, 7 p.m.

Excel 2013 Part 2

Wed, Sept 9, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Oct 15, 7 p.m.

Excel 2013 Part 3

Wed, Sept 16, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Oct 22, 7 p.m.

Simple Budgets in Excel 2013

Wed, Sept 23, 11 a.m.; Oct 29, 7 p.m.

Charts and Graphs in Excel 2013

Wed, Sept 30, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Nov 5, 7 p.m.

Formulas in Excel 2013

Wed, Oct 7, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Nov 12, 7 p.m.

Pivot Tables in Excel 2013

Wed, Oct 14, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Nov 19, 7 p.m.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2013

PowerPoint 2013 Part 1

Thurs, Sept 3, 11 a.m.; Wed, Oct 21, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint 2013 Part 2

Thurs, Sept 10, 11 a.m.; Wed, Oct 28, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint 2013 Part 3

Thurs, Sept 17, 11 a.m.; Wed, Nov 4, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Publisher 2013

Publisher 2013 Part 1

Tues, Oct 6, 7 p.m.

Publisher 2013 Part 2

Tues, Oct 13, 7 p.m.

Publisher 2013 Part 3

Tues, Oct 20, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Word 2013

Word 2013 Part 1

Wed, Sept 2, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Sept 24, 11 a.m.

Word 2013 Part 2

Wed, Sept 9, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 1, 11 a.m.

Word 2013 Part 3

Wed, Sept 16, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 8, 11 a.m.

Graphics in Word 2013

Wed, Sept 23, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 15, 11 a.m.

Tables in Word 2013

Wed, Sept 30, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 22, 11 a.m.

Mail Merge in Word 2013 Part 1

Wed, Oct 7, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 29, 11 a.m.

Mail Merge in Word 2013 Part 2

Wed, Oct 14, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Nov 5, 11 a.m.

Labels in Word 2013

Sat, Oct 31, 11 a.m.

Creating Brochures in Word 2013

Sat, Nov 14, 11 a.m.

Heights Libraries Annual Report 2014

Dear Cleveland Heights-University Heights Community,

In November, our citizens passed Issue 5, Heights Libraries’ operating levy, with 67 percent of voters supporting the levy. That sent a powerful message—an overwhelming number of you believe that a strong public library system is a crucial part of a successful community. This was the highlight of our year.

We are so very grateful to our citizens for voting to support us. Passage of the levy has ensured the long-term financial security of our neighborhood branches.

We understand that many of our citizens feel squeezed by taxes. To those members of our community who did not vote for the levy, or felt conflicted about the issue, we pledge to you that we plan to stretch funds raised by this levy as far as we can with smart financial management and sound decisions. Once again, in 2014, we have won awards for our financial accountability from both the State of Ohio and the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. We will use these funds to ensure that Heights Libraries continues its level of superior service and open access, improving the lives of our citizens.

Come see us. Take advantage of the opportunities we offer to all of you. Take a free computer class. Learn a new skill. Learn about history, art, and culture. Encourage your children to read and learn with books and fun, enriching programs. Come stock up on books and DVDs for a rainy weekend, audiobooks for those road trips (or download them from home). Spend time in our buildings with family and friends. Let us be your second home, that place you go after work, after school, on the weekends, or when you need a helping hand.

We’re here for all of you.

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Highlights of 2014

Levy Passage

Cleveland Heights-University Heights citizens passed Issue 5, the Heights Libraries' operating levy, with 67 percent of voters supporting the levy, ensuring the long-term financial security of our neighborhood branches, and ensures that Heights Libraries can continue its level of superior service to all of our citizens. The library's expenses started to outpace its revenue in 2014, and two-thirds of the library's budget comes from local property taxes, with the remaining one third coming from Ohio's Public Library Fund, which is currently at 1996 funding levels. The levy generates \$2.3 million a year, and library plans to use those funds to restore services that were cut in 2009 when the Ohio Public Library Fund was drastically cut, such as Sunday hours at all branches.

Five-Star Rating for the Sixth Year in a Row

For the fifth year in a row Heights Libraries received the highest possible rating, 5 stars, in the Library Journal's Index of Public Library Service. Libraries are categorized by yearly expenditure and rated on four criteria: circulation, visits, program attendance, and Internet terminal use (public computers). We ranked 5th in the nation for libraries of our size.

Financial Accountability

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded Heights Libraries a certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial report for the year 2013. We also received the State of Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for its 2013 financial audit. The award is given to government entities that file a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) and other financial reports with the State of Ohio, and receive a clean audit report. Less than 5 percent of government offices in Ohio receive the award.

Book Bike Wins Innovation Award

Heights Libraries's sustainable outreach vehicle, the Book Bike, won the Ohio Library Council's 2014 Library Innovation Award. The award is given to libraries who demonstrate leadership in innovative programs, outreach, and services.

Three for Me Card

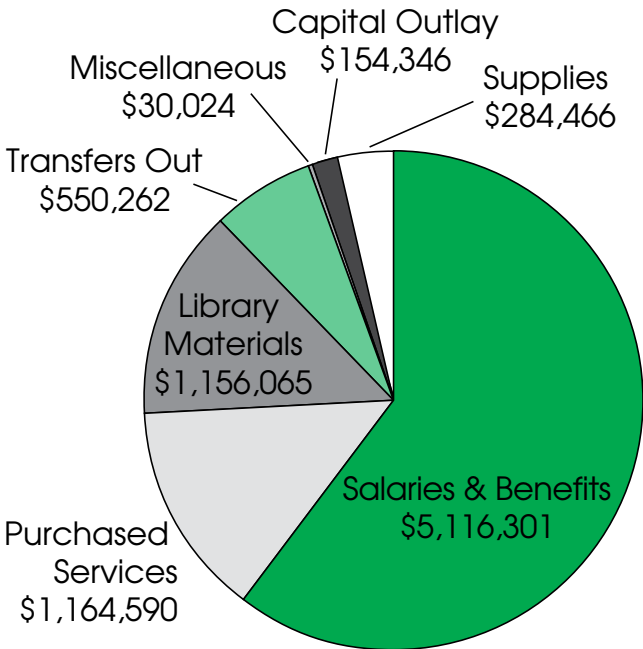
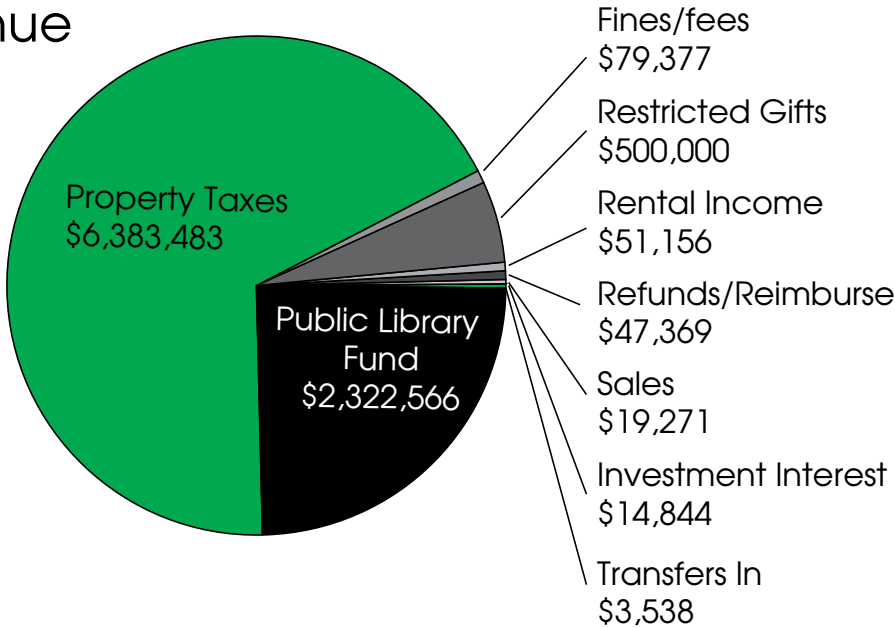
Heights Libraries introduced a new library card just for kids age 12 and under, the "Three for Me" card. Unlike a traditional library card, which requires a parent's or guardian's signature, the Three for Me card allows children to get the card themselves with just an address and a birthdate, and check out up to three children's books at a time. The new card was created to promote literacy by allowing children whose parents cannot sign a child's library card application. The card carries no overdue fines, but children must return items before they can check out more. Children can still acquire a regular library card with the signature of a parent or guardian.

New Website

After extensive research and redesign, the library launched a new Website in February 2014. The new site design as resulted in more web traffic, especially to the library's catalog, program calendar, and research databases.

Financials

2014
Revenue



2014
Expenditures

The 2014 Numbers



11,258

Number of Hours all 4 Branches Were Open



1,046,596

Visitors



1,774,593

Items Circulated



1,555

Youth Summer Reading

405 teens (52% more than 2013)
and 1,150 kids (7% more than 2012)



74,450

Electronic

downloadable film, music,
audio books, ebooks,
magazines



79

**Staff Visits to
Elementary Schools**



5,906

Library Programs

with a total of 72,872



112

**Staff Visits to
Day Cares**



586,092

Reference Transactions

phone and in-person



1,900

Book Bike Interaction

1,900 people reached, 1,250 books
given away, 80 books checked
out, 90 DVDs checked out



290,836

Computer Usage



386

Volunteer Hours:

386 hours of volunteering
performed by 52 volunteers



2,210

Meeting Room Uses

Friends of the Heights Libraries



Volunteers

Volunteer hours: 4359

Volunteers: 80

Membership

355 active FRIENDS members

- Individual 190
- Family 59
- Couple 9
- Patron 27
- Ind. Lifetime 70

Activities and Sponsorships

- Mega Book Sales in May and November
- First Friday Book Sales each month
- Reception for FRIENDS' members at the WineSpot
- African-American Read In
- Indigenous Peoples Read In
- My Favorite Poem Project
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee
- Heights Community Congress Home Tour
- New Resident Welcome Event (We now do 2 of these per year.)
- Annual Meeting

Financials for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Total income was \$486,100.00. Book sales earned \$27,700, or approximately 76% of total earned income of \$36,300. Merchandise sales, vending commissions, interest income and Friends events provided the other 24%. Our contributed income total of \$8,800.00 came from membership dues and donations.

Total expenses and grants totaled \$43,000.00 in FY 2012-13. Donations to the library and library related entities of \$28,945.00 were allocated as followed:

- Director's Discretionary Fund. \$1,500.00
- General library programming \$9,000.00
- Special programs \$3,000.00
- Coventry Mural \$3,960.00
- Library Levy Committee \$2,000.00
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee entry \$500.00
- Scholarship award for library science student. \$1,500.00

Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries

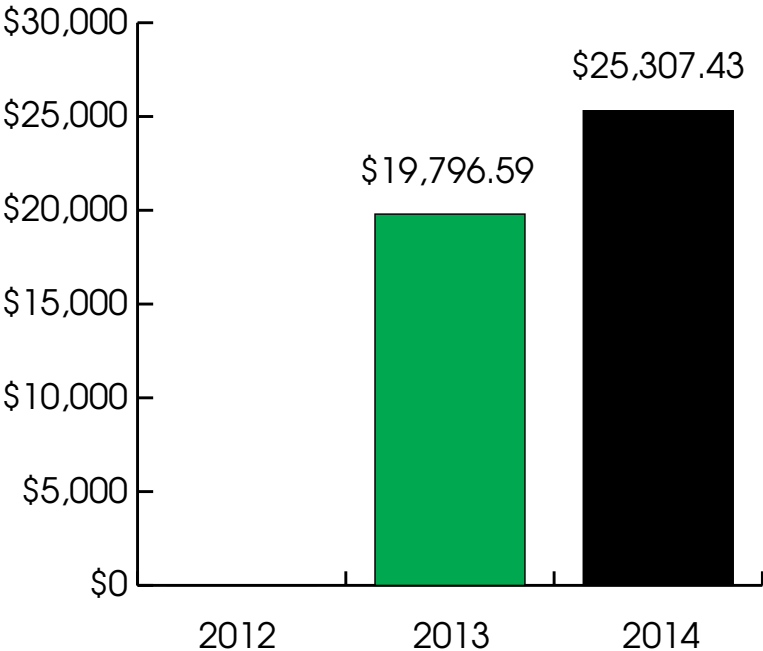


WATCH US GROW!

The sole purpose of the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries is to create an endowment to support the library. Legacy gifts, planned gifts and contributions on behalf of happy occasions are encouraged.

In 2014 the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries continued to benefit from holding its assets at The Cleveland Foundation. Funds may be contributed directly through their online portal or by sending a check to the FFHL c/o Heights Libraries, 2345 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights Ohio 44118. For more information call: (216) 932-3600 x 1240.

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James Roosa

Director

Nancy Levin

Closings

Mon, September 7, Labor Day
Fri, September 18, Staff Day
Thurs & Fri, November 26 & 27,
Thanksgiving Holiday

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Heights Library Board Meetings

Mon, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 21 at University Heights Branch
Oct 19 at Noble Branch
Nov 16 at Coventry Branch

FRIENDS of the Library

Board Meetings
Thurs, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12
7 p.m. Lee Road branch.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Mon, Oct 5, Dec 7, & Dec 28
12-6 p.m. Lee Road Branch.

Lee Road

2345 Lee Rd.
(216) 932-3600
Weekdays, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sat, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Coventry Village

1925 Coventry Rd.
(216) 321-3400 Voice
(216) 321-0739 TTY
Mon, Tues & Thurs,
1 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Noble Neighborhood

2800 Noble Rd.
(216) 291-5665
Mon, Tues & Thurs,
1 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

University Heights

13866 Cedar Rd.
(216) 321-4700
Mon, Tues & Thurs,
1 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
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