Win a free family pass to the HOF!

Meet Culinary Sensation, Nigella Lawson!

Meet actor, comedian, activist, and musician Tyler Merritt
What a summer we had here at the Library! I can’t tell you how thrilling it was to see people swarm into the Library for Summer Break! We had almost 4,000 people register to participate in our summer learning program this year.

Each year, libraries around the country and the American Library Association celebrate Banned Books Week. This year, Banned Books Week is September 18–24, and the theme is *Books Unite Us – Censorship Divides Us*. You may ask why the issues of banning books and censorship are important to our community. One of the core values of our organization is Intellectual Freedom, tying in to the American Library Association’s Freedom to Read statement. We live that daily by fostering a safe space where varied ideas and beliefs can thrive amidst debate or dialogue. It is essential to a healthy democracy that every individual has the right to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction.

Another of our core values is Respect – treating each person with dignity, regardless of race, gender, faith, politics, or status. Our goal is for everyone to feel welcome and represented when they enter the Library.

We have an incredible fall planned for you! I’m particularly excited about our star-studded lineup for the eighth season of the Dr. Audrey Lavin Speaking of Books Author Series; I look forward to being inspired by these bestselling authors. There is so much going on that it’s impossible for us to list everything that’s happening at your Library in this publication. Be sure to visit our website (scan the QR code) for a complete listing of our programs.

I hope to see you soon at the Library!

Mary Ellen Icaza
CEO/Executive Director
SCORE BIG with your library card!

In September, visit any location to sign up for a new library card or update your library card and enter for a chance to win a HOF prize package and library swag!

If it’s your first time getting a card, you’ll gain access to over two-million items to borrow, plus online resources like LinkedIn Learning, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

Haven’t visited in a while? Get directions at StarkLibrary.org/Locations

Reimagine Your Library

We were delighted to re-open our Perry Sippo Branch this summer! Patrons love the Re|imagined branch and were excited to reacquaint themselves with Library staff. The DeHoff Memorial Branch is currently undergoing construction and will re-open in the fall.

The final location to be Re|imagined is our Lake Community Branch, which will close in the fall. The bookmobile will be onsite at the Lake Community Branch during the closure. Watch your email for details. We hope you’re enjoying our newly renovated spaces!

During the DeHoff closure, the bookmobile will be at the Edward Peel Coleman Community Center:
- Mon 3–6 pm
- Tue/Wed 9 am–Noon
- Thu/Sat 1–4 pm
CELEBRATE Our Community!

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

HISPANIC HERITAGE

Each year, from September 15 to October 15, we observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, achievements, and contributions of Hispanic American champions and how they have inspired others to achieve success. We hope you enjoy these events that give you a hands-on opportunity to experience Hispanic culture.

Storytime & More - ¡Hola Amigos! Hello Friends!
Let’s learn Spanish together
Thu Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10–11 am
North Branch
In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, this Preschool Storytime will focus on learning colors, numbers, and the alphabet in Spanish.

Rainbow Pinatas
TeensCREATE
Thu Sep 15 | 4–5 pm
Madge Youtz Branch
Learn about the piñata and its significance to the Hispanic culture. Then create your own in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month!

Sugar Skulls
Tue Oct 25 | 6–7:30 pm
North Branch
Learn about the traditional art of calaveras de azúcar, or sugar skulls, and the cultural history of their use in Día de los Muertos. Afterwards, decorate your own sugar skull.

Fry Bread with Friends
Thu Nov 10 | 3:30–4:30 pm
North Branch
In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will examine the work of Diego Rivera. We will explore the artist’s work, then begin our own interpretation of Rivera’s designs.

Ohio’s Early People
Tue Nov 1 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Plain Community Branch
Explore the prehistoric cultures that moved through Ohio during the last Ice Age and learn about the archaeological sites attributed to them.

The True Story of Thanksgiving
Presented by the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum
Wed Nov 9 | 11 am–12 pm
Perry Sippo Branch
Author Kim Kenny explores what the 1621 harvest celebration was really like. Did they eat turkey and mashed potatoes? Who was there? How and when did Thanksgiving become a national holiday?

Macaroni at Midnight
Sat Nov 12 | 11 am–12 pm
Main Library
See page 13.

Sweet Dreams:
All about Dream Catchers
Wed Nov 16 | 2–4 pm
North Branch
Learn about the significance of dream catchers to Native American culture, and then make your own.

Storytime & More
Preschool
Thu Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10–11 am
North Branch
In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, this Preschool Storytime will focus on learning colors, numbers, and the alphabet in Spanish.

Acrylic Painting:
Diego Rivera
Vendedora de Flores
(Cherry Vendor)
Tue Sep 6 | 1–3:30 pm
Madge Youtz Branch

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

Each November, we explore Native American ancestry, culture, traditions, and history and acknowledge their significant contributions to our country’s history. These events help us better understand Native American culture, as well as honor their food and skills.

Ohio’s Early People
Tue Nov 1 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Plain Community Branch
Explore the prehistoric cultures that moved through Ohio during the last Ice Age and learn about the archaeological sites attributed to them.

Native American Heritage Month Trivia
Tue Nov 15 | 5–6:30 pm
DeHoff Memorial Branch
November is Native American Heritage Month! Join us for an exciting game of trivia to compete with others and celebrate the achievements Native Americans have made throughout history.

Sweet Dreams:
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HISPANIC HERITAGE BOOK CLUBS

Main Library
Read Around the World
Tue Sep 6 | 6–7 pm
Violeta by Isabel Allende

North Branch
Banned Book Book Club
Mon Sep 26 | 11 am–12 pm
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK CLUBS

Lake Community
Mystery Book Club
Tue Nov 1 | 2–3 pm
Stargazer by Anne Hillerman

Main Library
Read Around the World
Tue Nov 1 | 6–7 pm
There, There by Tommy Orange

Lake Community
Booked on Tuesday
Tue Nov 22 | 6–7 pm
This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

Main Library
Read Around the World
Tue Nov 1 | 6–7 pm
There, There by Tommy Orange

North Branch
Banned Book Book Club
Mon Nov 28 | 11 am–12 pm
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Register at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665
STAR-STUDDDED LINEUP!

We are delighted to announce the star-studded lineup for the eighth season of the Dr. Audrey Lavin Speaking of Books Author Series! This series brings acclaimed authors to Stark County to inspire lively and challenging conversations about relevant topics.

For our 2022–2023 season, we have five exceptional events planned at the Canton Palace Theatre that we know you will not want to miss. Each bestselling author will speak about their book and career, followed by a question-and-answer session. You’ll even have a chance to meet the author after the event.

Reserve your FREE seats at StarkLibrary.org/MeetAuthors

James Harris, Doug Williams, and Joe Horrigan
Sep 1 | 6:30 pm | Canton Palace Theatre

The founders of the Black College Football Hall of Fame – along with historian Joe Horrigan – join us to discuss their contributions to football.

James Harris became the NFL’s first African American to start as quarterback, to be named to the Pro Bowl, and to win an NFL playoff game. Doug Williams was the NFL’s first African American quarterback to start and win a Super Bowl, where he was also the first to earn the Most Valuable Player honors. Joe Horrigan retired after 42 years with the Pro Football Hall of Fame and is regarded by many as the foremost historian of professional football.

We hope you join us to welcome this gridiron trio to Canton.

Tyler Merritt
Oct 18 | 6:30 pm | Canton Palace Theatre

Actor, comedian, activist, and musician Tyler Merritt is passionate about bringing laughter, grace, and love into communities. Although he is known for his work on Outer Banks, The Falcon and The Winter Soldier, and Ordinary Joe, Merritt is also a YouTube sensation for his videos Before You Call the Cops and Walking While Black, with more than 100 million views across all platforms.

Join us as Tyler discusses his book, I TAKE MY COFFEE BLACK: Reflections on Tupac, Musical Theater, Faith, and Being Black in America, telling hilarious stories from his life as a black man in America.

Why should I have to diminish myself because you feel uncomfortable with who I am?
— Tyler Merritt
NIGELLA LAWSON
Nov 29 | 6:30 pm | Canton Palace Theatre

Nigella Lawson is an internationally renowned food writer and TV cook whose successful television programs have made her a household name worldwide. This beloved British cookbook author has graced our bookshelves and television screens for over two decades, serving up an abundance of inspiration for every generation.

Spend an evening with Nigella as she shares the rhythms and rituals of her kitchen to celebrate her latest book *Cook, Eat, Repeat* – a delicious and delightful combination of recipes intertwined with narrative essays about food, all written in Nigella’s engaging and insightful prose.

To finish out our Speaking of Books lineup, watch for more information about these bestselling authors in upcoming issues of the Explore Guide.

Danni Washington
Marine Scientist and TV Star
Feb 16 | 6:30 pm
Eat Smart, Live Strong!
with Central State University Extension
As we get older, our bodies change. These interactive sessions will help you gain control of your health through movement and nutrition.

**Mon Sep 19, 26, Oct 3, 10
11 am–12 pm
North Branch**

**Fri Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
10–11 am
Main Library**

The Fermentation Station
Sauerkraut and Fermented Pickles
Mon Sep 19 | 6–7:30 pm
Sandy Valley Branch
Expand your culinary skills and discover the nutritional benefits of fermented foods. Elizabeth Flinner of Central State University Extension Services will also demonstrate how to make sauerkraut.

**Sauerkraut and Fermented Pickles**

Can You Can?
Presented by The Ohio State University Extension
**Tue Sep 20 | 4–6 pm**
East Canton Branch
Learn how to save some cash by preserving and canning foods such as broth, fruits, vegetables, and sauces. We will discuss the value of canning and how to go from garden to canned.

**Mon Sep 19, 26, Oct 3, 10
11 am–12 pm
North Branch**

**Fri Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
10–11 am
Main Library**

Diabetes Empowerment
Presented by Central State University Extension
**Mon Oct 17 | 6–7:30 pm**
Sandy Valley Branch
Join educator Elizabeth Flinner for a guided discussion on what it means to have diabetes, how it affects the body, and how to reduce the risk of complications due to diabetes.

**Heads Up!**

Cookbook Club
Presented by Central State Extension
**Tue Nov 1 | 4–5 pm**
East Canton Branch
Enjoy discussing your favorite types of cooking and exchanging recipe cards with other members of the community. Connect with others to find your new go-to meal for a cookout or get together!

**Fri Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
10–11 am
Main Library**

Healthy Eating for the Holidays
Presented by Central State Extension
**Wed Nov 9 | 2–3:30 pm**
North Branch
Don’t let holiday food weigh you down! Navigate the holiday buffet with help from a Registered Dietitian in this nutrition-based class.

**Beer Brewing**
Presented by Royal Docks Brewery
**Thu Oct 27 | 6–7 pm**
Perry Sippo Branch
Join Royal Docks’ Brew Master as he discusses the various types and brands of beer and his suggestions for successful home brewing.

**Immersion into the Romance of Wine: Wine Appreciation**
Presented by Gervasi Winemaker Emeritus Andy Codispoti
**Thu Nov 10 | 6–7 pm**
Perry Sippo Branch
Immerse yourself into the world of wine with Gervasi Vineyard Winemaker Emeritus Andy Codispoti as he compresses years of experience into a single class just for you.

Register at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665

More Culinary Classes
If you love to cook (or even just love to eat), you’ll undoubtedly enjoy these upcoming programs held throughout the Library system.

Dylan Dreyer
Co-host, 3rd Hour of TODAY and NBC News Meteorologist
**April 27 | 6:30 pm**
Events for Readers and Writers

Are you a devoted reader? An aspiring author? Or do you just love meeting and talking to authors? Then these events are for you! Join us to meet local authors, learn new writing techniques, or even start on your NaNoWriMo adventure in November!

Writer’s Workshop
Fri Sep 9, Oct 7, Nov 18 | 2:30–4 pm
East Canton Branch
Hone your writing skills with other local writers! Flesh out story ideas, learn more about writing, create story boards, receive feedback, and enjoy the company of local writers. 🌟

Writer’s Club
Write On
Mon Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 | 6–7:30 pm
Jackson Community Branch
Join local writers— aspiring and experienced—to workshop creative prompts and discuss your latest projects. 🌟

Every Community Has a Story—This is Ours
Journaling Club
Tue Sep 20, Oct 4, Nov 1 | 1–2:30 pm
Madge Youutz Branch
Create a keepsake journal that can be passed to the next generation that documents your family’s history, traditions, and day-to-day experiences. Journals will be provided. 🌟

Affirmative Journaling
In partnership with Canton Museum of Art
Tue Oct 11 | 1–3 pm
East Canton Branch
Art and mental health intersect with the help of the Canton Museum of Art’s Amanda Crowe. Work on creative journaling with affirmations, expressive painting, and learn how art can be a stress reducer. 🌟

Celebrate NaNoWriMo
National Novel Writing Month

NaNoWriMo Kickoff Day
Wed Nov 2 | 10 am–4 pm
Main Library
Come to an open writing session at the library to kickoff the month.

NaNoWriMo Write-In
Fri Nov 18, Sat Nov 19 | 9 am–4 pm
Main Library
Get the boost you need to power through the second half of NaNoWriMo by joining us for a 2 day Write-In. 🌟

The Write Stuff Authors Group Discusses Writing & Publishing
Sat Nov 19 | 10 am–1 pm
Jackson Community Branch
Join local authors to discuss the process of writing and getting published. 🌟

NaNoWriMo Kickoff Day
Wed Nov 2 | 10 am–4 pm
Main Library
Come to an open writing session at the library to kickoff the month.

Writing Workshop
Mon Oct 3, Nov 7 | 5:30–7:30 pm
Main Library
Whether you’re an avid writer with years of experience or someone who’s only ever considered putting your thoughts to paper, this workshop is just the thing to get your creative juices flowing. 🌟

Prose Pros Writing Workshop
Thu Nov 17 | 4–7 pm
Perry Sippo Branch
Calling all writers! Come share your writing, find prompts, talk with other writers, edit, get citation help & find resources for writers. All genres welcome—fiction, nonfiction, poetry, academic... 🌟

Just for Teens

From Battlefields to Ballrooms
Sat Sep 17 | 10 am–12 pm
Main Library
See page 13.

Turkey Terror At My Door
Wed Sep 28 | 6–7:45 pm
Jackson Community Branch
Join us as Don Ake shares his humorous perspective on the simple things in life in his third book, Turkey Terror At My Door!

Ten Ohio Disasters
Thu Sep 29 | 6–7:30 pm
Perry Sippo Branch
Neil Zurcher author of Ten Ohio Disasters will discuss his new book and answer questions about his other books Ohio Oddities, The Best of One Tank Trips, and others. Books are available to purchase. 🌟

Macaroni at Midnight
Sat Nov 12 | 11 am–12 pm
Main Library
See page 13.

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Discover your Ancestors—FREE!

Our Genealogy Department is among the best in the state—and they are ready to assist you in finding your family’s roots! Whether you want to research online or in person, your library card is your key to free research!

Access popular databases like Ancestry, Heritage Quest, and African American Heritage.

Request online assistance for your tough research questions.

View Newspaper archives, court records, historical indexes, and census records.

Hit a roadblock in your research? Set up a one-on-one appointment with an expert!

Start Digging | StarkLibrary.org/Digging

STARK MEMORY is an online resource that connects libraries around the world, sharing documents, images, videos, and audio files. Many of these items had previously been available only in physical formats, and Stark Memory enables people anywhere to access this information!

Our genealogists are busy digitizing our massive collection of photographs that represent the rich history of Stark County. The collection also includes oral interviews recorded in the 1970s of African Americans who were alive at the turn of the twentieth century, talking about their lives and experiences in Stark County.

GENEALOGY EVENTS

How to Plan the Best Family Reunion
Thu Sep 8 | 2–3:30 pm
Plain Community Branch
Learn how to organize your next family reunion and have fun with it at the same time.

Beginning Genealogy
Learn how to get started searching, gathering, and organizing your family history.

Sat Oct 1 | 2–3:30 pm
Perry Sippo Branch

Sat Nov 12 | 2–3 pm
North Branch

Register at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665

Beginning Scrapbook Workshop
Tue Oct 4 | 6–7 pm
North Branch
Learn how to creatively display all those pictures and souvenirs you have crammed in boxes around the house. Bring 3–4 items relating to a single event or subject. All other materials provided.

Genealogy Databases
Sat Oct 8 | 2–3:30 pm
Perry Sippo Branch

Accessing Historical Newspapers
Sat Oct 15 | 2–3:30 pm
Perry Sippo Branch
Learn how to access historical newspapers using the library’s databases to enhance your family history or research project.

Diggin’ in the Dark
Oct 22 | 6–11 pm
Main Library
Are you a royal descendant? Did your great-great-great uncle invent sliced bread? Did your family immigrate from Siberia? Unearth your family roots and bring your past to life in this marathon genealogy session.
DiNOvember

Does your child eat, sleep, and live with their plastic dinosaurs? Then these events are for you! Join us as we learn about dinosaurs, dig up dino bones, and even hatch a dino egg! You’ll have a RAWR-ing good time!

NORTH

Digging for Dinos
Wed Nov 2 | 3:30–4:30 pm
Dive into the world of dinosaurs! Dig for bones, make fossils, and hatch a dinosaur at our DiNovember celebration.

JACKSON COMMUNITY

Dino Fun!
Sat Nov 12 | 11 am–12 pm
Join us for some enormous fun during DiNovember! Games and activities will celebrate everyone’s favorite prehistoric creatures.

MAIN LIBRARY

Discover Dinosaurs!
Tue Nov 15 | 11 am–12 pm
Design a dinosaur and watch dino eggs hatch before your eyes! Celebrate DiNovember with us with dino-mite songs and rawr-some activities.

SANDY VALLEY

Dinosaur Facts & Fun
Tue Nov 15 | 4–4:45 pm
Calling all junior paleontologists: come excavate with us! Learn cool facts and discover hidden secrets of the prehistoric world. You’ll even get to dig up a fossil to keep for yourself.

PERRY SIPPO

Digging for Dinos
Tue Nov 15 | 4–5 pm
Unearth your inner archaeologist with dinosaur themed games and experiments. Build your own dinosaur skeleton, hatch dinosaur eggs, and search the library for your favorite ancient friends.

MADGE YOUTZ

Digging For Dinos
Wed Nov 16 | 3:30–4:30 pm
Presented by the McKinley Museum
What are dinosaurs, and who digs up their remains? Let’s go digging to find out! Learn about cool dinosaurs that lived during the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous Periods of time.

EAST CANTON

Dino Discovery
Mon Nov 28 | 6–7 pm
Discover how to hatch a dino egg, build a dinosaur skeleton, and explore many other dino-riffic activities.

Interactive Movie Kit
Stomp, roar, and become a dinosaur when you grab a take-home interactive movie kit. Kits are available while supplies last during the month of November.

Answers: D Triceratops, A Stegosaurus, C Tyrannosaurus Rex, B Apatosaurus

Register at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665
Listen at the Library

Storytime meets symphony at this unique event—a collaboration with the Canton Symphony Orchestra. Your favorite librarian will read a story to the dulcet tones of Canton Symphony musicians.

**DeHoff Memorial**
- Thu Nov 10 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Wed Nov 2 | 10–11 am

**East Canton**
- Wed Nov 2 | 10–11 am

**Madge Youtz**
- Thu Nov 10 | 10–11 am

**Jackson Community**
- Tue Nov 1 | 10–11 am

**Lake Community**
- Held at the Hartville Kitchen (Bakery Lobby)
  - Tue Nov 8 | 10–11 am

**Main Library**
- Thu Nov 3 | 10–11 am

**North**
- Wed Nov 2 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

**Perry Sippo**
- Tue Nov 1 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

**Plain Community**
- Tue Nov 8 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

**Sandy Valley**
- Thu Nov 3 | 11:30 am–12:30 pm

**Storytime + more!**


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- Mondays in November 10:30–11:30 am

**East Canton**
- Wednesdays | 10:30–11:15 am

**Jackson Community**
- Tuesdays | 10–10:30 am
- Tuesdays | 11–11:30 am

**Lake Community**
- Tuesdays 10–10:30 am
- Tuesdays 11 am–12 pm

**Madge Youtz**
- Tuesdays 10–10:30 am

**Main Library**
- Thursdays 9:30–10 am

**North**
- Wednesdays | 10–11 am

**Perry Sippo**
- Mondays 11–11:30 am
- Mondays 10–11 am
- Thursdays 10–11 am
- Sat Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 12 | 10–10:45 am

**Plain Community**
- Wednesdays 10:30–11 am
- Tuesdays 10:30–11 am

**Sandy Valley**
- Thursdays 10:30–11 am

**Register for storytimes**
StarkLibrary.org/Story

**Sundays with the Symphony**
Relax and enjoy the melodic sounds of the orchestra at the library! For all ages.

**North Branch**
- Sun Nov 13 | 2–3 pm

**Perry Sippo Branch**
- Sun Nov 13 | 3:30–4:30 pm
Let’s get this party startled!

Are you hoping to have a spookalicious October? You’ll have a skele-ton of fun at the Library!

From spooky storytimes to murder mysteries, ghost stories, and escape rooms, our programs will really lift your spirits!

ALL AGES

Spooky Species
Presented by Stark Parks
Wildlife Conservation Center
Sat Oct 1 | 11 am–12 pm
North Branch
Owls, bats, snakes, and spiders! Spooky species are usually the most misunderstood. Stark Parks Wildlife Conservation Center will bring live animals for us to meet.

Fall Spooktacular
Sat Oct 22 | 2–4 pm
Jackson Community Branch
Celebrate the spooky season at the library with a costume contest, games, pumpkin painting, and more! All ages are welcome.

EARLY LEARNERS & ELEMENTARY

Halloween Spooktacular!
Sat Oct 15 | 10–11 am
Main Library
Spooky stories, songs, and activities await you at this special Halloween storytime. Costumes are welcome. Trick or treating at the library to follow!

Pumpkin Persona
Wed Sep 28 | 4–5 pm
Main Library
Who is your favorite book character? Invent a simple story about them and decorate a mini-pumpkin to look like your character or illustrate your story. All supplies provided.

Batty About Bats
Tue Oct 4 | 4–6 pm
Exploration Gateway Shelter (Near the playground)
Join us and our friends at Stark Parks for an evening full of bat facts!

Spooky Science
Mon Oct 24 | 6–7 pm
East Canton Branch
Join us if you dare! Explore spooky science experiments that are a little creepy, freezing cold, and even super goopy.

Spooky Stories
Tue Oct 25 | 6–6:30 pm
Sandy Valley Branch
The wind howls. A door creaks open. Do you dare enter the library for a night of chills and thrills? Poems, tales, and songs will range from slightly silly to seriously spooky. Prepare for a scare!

Monster Mash
Sat Oct 29 | 11 am–12:30 pm
Plain Community Branch
Have a “monstrously” fun time bringing your inner monster out! Enjoy monster-themed stories, crafts, and activities.

ELEMENTARY & TEENS

Escape from Hogwarts
Tue Oct 11 | 4:15–7 pm
Sat Oct 15 | 10 am–4 pm
Sandy Valley Branch
Are you good at magic like Hermione, Harry, or Ron? Find the clues to solve the puzzles and “Escape from Hogwarts”. Geared toward teens, but all are welcome. Must call 330.866.3366 to reserve a time.

Spooky Snacks and Strange Stories
Mon Oct 17 | 5:30–6:30 pm
Main Library
’Tis the season to be spooky, and that goes for your food, too. We have all the ingredients needed to create creepy snacks to enjoy as we piece together tales both weird and horrid.

Sugar Skulls
Tue Oct 25 | 6–7:30 pm
North Branch
Learn about the traditional art of calaveras de azúcar, or sugar skulls, and the cultural history behind their use in Día de los Muertos. Afterwards, decorate your own sugar skull.

ADULTS

The Vampire Murder Mystery
Sat Oct 1 | 2–4 pm
Jackson Community Branch
Can you solve Count Blackwell’s murder before vampires and humans turn on each other? Join the Blackwell family and associates for a dinner party to find out who reduced the Count to ash.

Paint it Black
Reuse, Repurpose, Upcycle!
Tue Oct 11 | 6–7 pm
North Branch
Love Halloween but hate how much everything costs? Add to your upcycling skill set, and learn how to change old knick-knacks into spooky décor. All supplies will be provided.

Ohio’s Historic Haunts
Sponsored by Jackson FOL
Sat Oct 15 | 2–3:30 pm
Jackson Community Branch
Explore not only how Ohio’s history and ghost stories connect, but also author James Willis’s experiences spending the night in some of these haunted Ohio landmarks.

Insights into the Unknown
Thu Oct 20 | 6–7 pm
Perry Sippo Branch
Take a trip into the unknown with paranormal investigators Greg and Kathy Feketik as they talk about some of their most memorable cases. Complete with audio and visual evidence.

Insights Into The Unknown
Sat Oct 29 | 1–3 pm
Main Library
Hear from Greg Feketik, author and co-founder of Tri-C Ghost Hunters, about his ghost hunting and all things paranormal! He will share audio and visual recordings of his experiences.

Book Club
Thu Nov 3 | 2–3:30 pm
Jackson Community Branch
The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Register at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665
RESILIENCY
IN THE FACE OF A PANDEMIC

The Pandemic is (we hope) a once-in-a-century event, and we have all been changed by the experience. Many stories of survival and resiliency have arisen in the face of tragedy. And that’s what the theme of this year’s One Community event is all about.

In the past, after many meetings and discussions, we’ve chosen one book for the community to read together to discuss shared ideas and experiences. However, this year it became clear that no “One Book” could represent our community. That’s why, rather than “One Book, One Community,” we changed our title to “One Community, Many Stories,” with the theme of resiliency.

Resiliency. A word that conjures up stories and feelings in almost everyone. This fall, libraries across Stark County will offer opportunities for all ages to get together to discuss and process this topic through author events, book clubs, yoga, storytimes, and much more. The Stark Library programs are listed in this publication, but check websites for Canal Fulton Public Library, Louisville Public Library, Massillon Public Library, and North Canton Public Library to see what they are offering.

Read more at StarkLibrary.org/ManyStories

BOOK CLUBS

Madge Youtz
Thu Sep 29 | 2–3 pm
The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

Jackson Community
Thu Oct 6 | 2–3:30 pm
All the Children Are Home by Patry Francis

Perry Sippo
From Book to Big Screen
Mon Oct 17 | 12–1 pm
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly (Film and book discussion)

Lake Community
Tue Oct 25 | 6–7 pm
The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

East Canton
Mon Nov 7 | 11 am–12 pm
Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano

Sandy Valley
Mon Nov 7 | 6–7 pm
From the Ashes by Jesse Thistle

RESILIENCY PROGRAMS

From Battlefields to Ballrooms
Sat Sep 17 | 10 am–12 pm
Main Library
Celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week with author and veteran Joseph Sepesy, who has been using Ballroom Dance therapy to work through PTSD.

Macaroni at Midnight
Sat Nov 12 | 11 am–12 pm
Main Library
Dr. Don Bartlette outlines his experience of overcoming oppression, racism, and hate growing up as a Native American child. Learn how resiliency and spirituality helped him overcome obstacles.
Children craving their favorite librarian’s weekly activity, adults bridging the digital divide, and an older adult seeking escape from the sweltering heat walk past this quote every time they enter their neighborhood library in the Village of East Canton. It may be the smallest of Stark Library’s ten branches, but the impact on this rural community is “awesome,” according to retired nurse Sue Ritzert.

Twice a week, Sue emerges fresh-faced from a fitness class inside the Foltz Community Center (which houses our East Canton Branch) to find her favorite books or CDs, with the help of staff who have become friends. “It is such a valuable resource. The staff is kind to everybody.”

Sunlight streams through the windows, falling on bookshelves, assorted technology devices, and walls bearing inspirational quotes. In the children’s section, paper plate fish swim across a blue paper background with brightly colored pool-noodle seaweed and crepe paper jellyfish dangling above. Eight-year-old Natalie and five-year-old Jonathan search an “Under the Sea Fairy Garden,” created inside an aquarium. Natalie, Jonathan, and their little brother James are participating in Summer Break – our summer learning program.

“Can you find something that begins with the letter ‘F’ besides a fish?” asks their mom, Emily Luke.

“Fin!” cries Jonathan excitedly.

“Ok. What about something that rhymes with bell?”

“Shell!” says Natalie, proudly printing her answer on a paper.

The siblings look forward to what the children’s librarian will create for them each week. Their little brother, James, joins them at a digital table where they shout, “Go! Go!” as they steer different-colored cars around a track, hoping to be the first to reach the checkered flag.

A different sort of technology draws John McDonald. With no internet access at home, the retiree happily finds a seat at a computer to do his personal banking and research his passion for old church hymns. He finds songs from as far back as the 1800s, which he then records at home, singing and strumming with his acoustic guitar.

Meanwhile, Chuck Nudo pulls out his iPad, sitting in a comfortable chair at a table equipped with USB ports and electrical outlets. He puts on headphones to listen to music.
Lacking both the internet and air conditioning at home, the Library is his oasis. He also checks out movies on DVD to enjoy, like his latest drama about Billy the Kid.

Ann Pukansky, who has been the branch manager at this location for seven years, says the library is as comfortable as a living room for the hundreds of people who visit each week. With an enthusiastic smile, she contradicts the old library stereotype of “shushing” people. She enjoys talking with patrons as they visit. “I love the noise! We see everyone from families with little kids to older adults. For some people, we may be their only interaction all day.”

Ann says the branch is especially vital in this community, where many families lack internet access, and kids sometimes complain about having nothing to do. With the Osnaburg Local School complex a short walk away, the library staff collaborates to help students with projects during the school year. It is also convenient for young people to hang out after school.

Three-year-old Ava’s face lights up as she walks inside with her grandmother. After playing in the children’s section, she leads the way out the door and down the hall to “Jump! Jump!” – her name for storytime. The branch strategically partners with the community center to use its meeting rooms for programs that need extra space.

The younger set will return later to check out picture books, which is how 11-year-old Jessica Nelson began her reading career. A little over a month into the summer, Jessica has already read 30 to 40 books. Once or twice a week, she checks out a stack. She and her mom say they would “go crazy without the library.”

However, even for folks who are not into books, patrons like Sue Ritzert say there is much to gain. “Not everyone’s a reader, but there are CDs, movies, computers, and so much more.” For those who do not come, Sue says, “They have no idea what they are missing!”

Locations & Fall Hours

September–November 2022

Main Library
Lake Community*
Jackson Community
Mon–Wed.... 9 am–8 pm
Thu–Sat........ 9 am–5 pm

East Canton
Madge Youtz
Plain Community
Sandy Valley
Mon–Tue...... 9 am–8 pm
Wed–Sat...... 9 am–5 pm

North
Perry Sippo
Mon–Tue...... 9 am–8 pm
Wed ............. 9 am–5 pm
Thu ............... 9 am–8 pm
Fri–Sat........... 9 am–5 pm
Sun ..................... 1–5 pm**

DeHoff Memorial
Reopening late fall (see p. 3).

* Lake will be closed beginning Oct 3.
** Sunday hours begin Sep 11.

Closed September 5 (Labor Day), closing at 5 pm November 23, and closed November 24 (Thanksgiving).

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Mon–Fri 7am–11pm,
Sat 9am–9pm, Sun 12–9pm
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Stay sharp in your golden years with Golden Gear!

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PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS

**Grandparents’ Day Celebration**
**Sat Sep 10 | 2–3 pm | North Branch**
A celebration of the special, older people in our lives! Families, grandparents, and loved ones are cordially invited to a festive party celebrating two generations. Fancy party attire is encouraged! Register at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665.

**Eat Smart, Live Strong!** See page 7
Main Library and North Branch

**Grandparents Game Day**
**Fri Oct 21 | 2–4 pm | East Canton Branch**
Children and their grandparents or other special loved ones are invited to enjoy an intergenerational game day. Enjoy classics such as Battleship, Scrabble, Sorry, and more!

**Volunteer Expo**
**Sat Nov 5 | 11 am–3 pm | Main Library**
Do you have free time and a desire to help? Start the giving season off right by learning where you can lend a helping hand!

**Medicare 101**
**Thu Nov 17 | 10–11 am | DeHoff Memorial Branch**
What is Medicare? Are you eligible? How and when should you enroll? In this informative class, you will be provided with an introduction to Medicare and its various coverage options.