



Wadsworth Public Library

SPRING 2024 PROGRAM GUIDE



SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEK APRIL 1-8

Meet Astronaut Mike Foreman, make eclipse crafts, learn about the night sky and much more!

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE

Bargain basement deals on books and more!

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letter from the director

Dear Neighbors,

After a year of growth, we are excited to begin 2024 with the launching of our new strategic plan. The plan was developed through a long process of community and staff engagement and was approved by the Library's Board of Trustees this past December.

In 2023, WPL experienced increases in visits, circulation, and program attendance, by 9%, 20%, and 8%, respectively. Building on this momentum of rising public demand, we will be working to reshape and reinvest in our offerings of collections, programs, and services in the years ahead.

One major goal of the plan places a priority on continual improvement and optimization of the physical layout of our facilities. In 2024, we will study the feasibility of reconfiguring underutilized spaces to better align staff areas while increasing the square footage available for new public uses. Among new public uses under consideration, we will explore more study and small group meeting rooms, spaces for arts and crafts activities, and spaces for other DIY makers and creative work. Additional community input will be solicited in the months ahead. Please stay tuned for further details.

Preparations are also underway for the Library's 100th anniversary, which takes place in January of 2026. In an approach similar to Wadsworth's bicentennial celebrations in 2014, we are actively seeking community members interested in serving on the Library's centennial community planning committee. If you are interested, please contact Deputy Director Nicole Moore at 330.335.2602. We look forward to hearing from you!

This January we launched our first effort to help parents and caregivers regain control of their child's screen time with a special course on parental controls for devices. As the epidemic of screen addiction deepens amid a public conversation about the uses, abuses, and unintended consequences of social media use among youth, Wadsworth Public Library is committed to partnering with our community to provide knowledge, tools, and solutions.

This is just a small sample of the work we plan to accomplish in the years ahead. We invite you to take a moment to read our full strategic plan, available at visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/plan.

As spring approaches, don't forget to mark your calendar for the Friends Book Sale, April 11 through 14. Funds raised by the Friends of Wadsworth Public Library go to support our popular Summer Reading Club, with program presenters, entertainers, and prizes for patrons of all ages.

Lastly, please also save the date of Saturday, June 1, 2024, for the return of the Wadsworth Public Library Foundation's new event, Mini Golf at the Library. This year's free family event will serve to kick off Summer Reading Club 2024. If you, your organization, or business is interested in sponsoring a hole, please email the Foundation Treasurer, Mike Wager, at foundationtreasurer@wadsworthlibrary.com.

If you're new to Wadsworth or haven't visited in some time, we invite you to come to the Library and explore our wide variety of offerings. We look forward to seeing you this spring!



Daniel Slife

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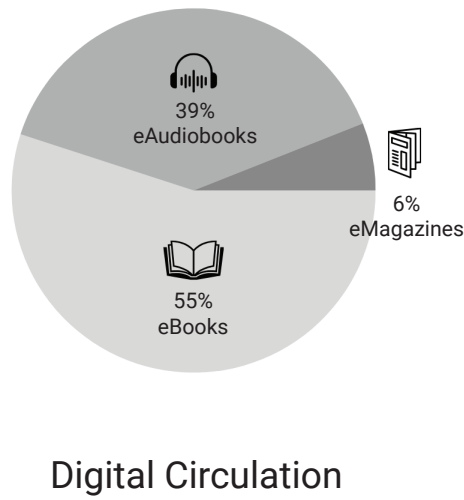
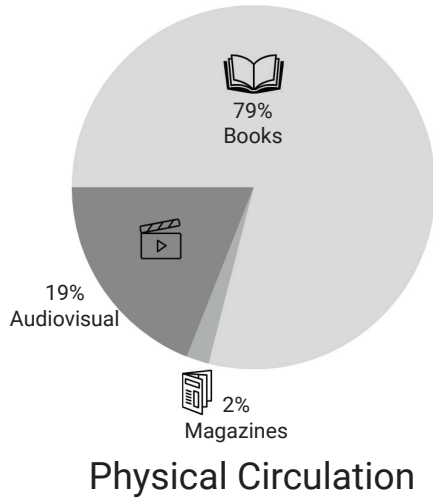
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COLLECTIONS

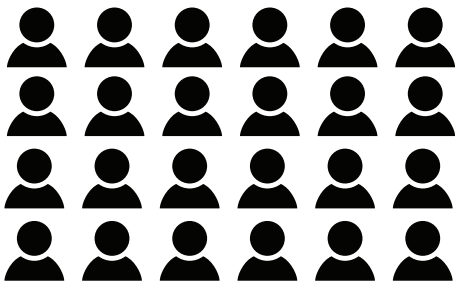
532,091
total circulation

Books, Audiobooks, Movies, Music, and more circulated 463,153 times.

eBooks, eAudiobooks, Videos, and more were downloaded 69,938 times.



VISITS TO THE LIBRARY



132,605
total visits

Of the nearly 133,000 patrons that visited the Library, over 41,592 attended the 2,320 programs that were held.

2,078 new library cards were issued!



TECHNOLOGY

Public computers were used **13,924** times



Free Wi-Fi was signed into **14,354** times



Our website was visited **279,074** times

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Expenditures = \$2,555,683

Total estimated value of services to community = \$9,390,980*

Each **\$1** invested

returned more than →

\$3.67 to our community



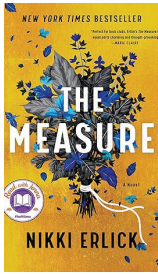
*Based on the Ohio Library Council's return on investment calculator, developed by Driscoll, Fleeter and Associates

BOOK CLUBS

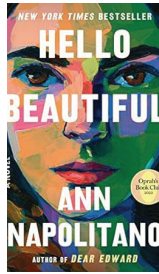
Hybrid with both in-person and virtual options. Contact the Reference Desk at 330.335.1294 to sign up. Library staff will coordinate reserving books for registered patrons.

novel ideas

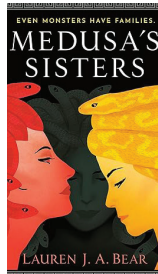
Novel Ideas is the perfect place to read great books with great book nerds. Join us to discuss topical, thought-provoking contemporary fiction.



The Measure* by Nikki Erlick
Wednesday, March 6 at 7pm



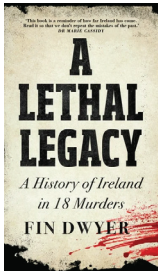
Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano
Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm



Medusa's Sisters* by Lauren J.A. Bear
Wednesday, May 1 at 7pm

monday night intrigue

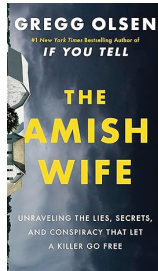
Flex your armchair detective skills and journey into stories that will chill you to the bone with Monday Night Intrigue, the book club dedicated to true crime nonfiction.



A Lethal Legacy* by Fin Dwyer
Monday, March 11 at 7pm



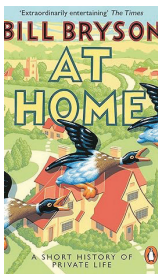
Stiff* by Mary Roach
Monday, April 8 at 7pm



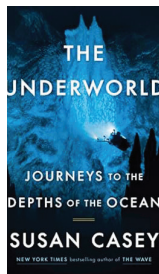
The Amish Wife* by Gregg Olsen
Monday, May 13 at 7pm

real reads

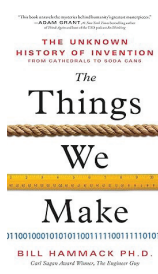
This group discusses all kinds of non-fiction books, including books about science, history, memoirs, and everything in between.



At Home* by Bill Bryson
Thursday, March 21 at 7pm



The Underworld* by Susan Casey
Thursday, April 18 at 7pm



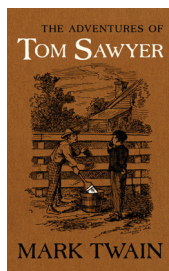
The Things We Make* by Bill Hammack
Thursday, May 16 at 7pm

timeless tales

Classic books are classic for a reason – their literary excellence transcends passing fads, and they continue to engage readers generation after generation.



Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*
by Jules Verne (William Butcher Translation)
Monday, March 25 at 7pm



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
Monday, April 22 at 7pm



The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
(Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky Translation)
Monday, May 20 at 7pm



Jerry Popiel: The Classic Songs of Folk Rock

Jerry delves into the golden age of singer/songwriters, showcasing hits and hidden gems from luminaries like James Taylor, Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, Simon & Garfunkel, and more.

Sunday, March 10 at 2pm

Erin Nicole Neal: Vietnam War Protest Songs

Erin transports you to the tumultuous 60s and early 70s, exploring the Vietnam War era with discussions on protest songs, influential singer-songwriters, and their inspirations. (Pictured)

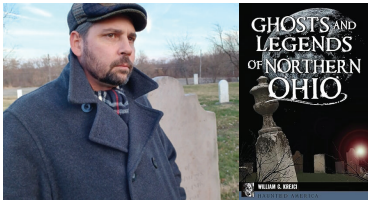
Sunday, April 7 at 2pm

Carol Leslie: Women with Cinematic Impact

Celebrate iconic women who sang blockbuster movie themes like "All That Jazz," "Over the Rainbow," "Que Sera, Sera," "Diamonds Are Forever," and "My Heart Will Go On."

Sunday, May 5 at 2pm

author visits



William G. Krejci: Ghosts and Legends of Northern Ohio

Experience William G. Krejci's captivating narratives and meticulous historical intrigue. Join us for a mesmerizing presentation, offering a unique glimpse into the past through expertly woven storytelling.

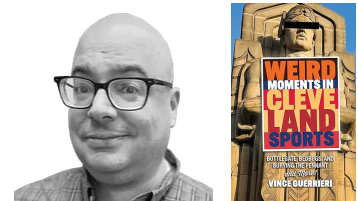
Thursday, March 28 at 7pm



Liz Ferro: Finish Line Feeling

Liz Ferro, acclaimed author, inspires with storytelling that resonates deeply. Her books convey messages of resilience, triumph, and self-discovery, fostering personal growth and empowerment beyond the pages.

Thursday, April 25 at 7pm



Vince Guerrieri: Weird Moments in Cleveland Sports

Explore Cleveland sports' eccentric tales with Vince Guerrieri. From bizarre to humorous, his book unveils the captivating and comical side of the city's athletic history—a must-read for enthusiasts.

Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm

monday movie matinee

A monthly movie matinee in collaboration with the Soprema Senior Center. To reserve a space, please call the Senior Center at 330.335.1513.

About My Father*

About My Father starring Robert De Niro weaves an emotional tapestry of familial bonds, delving into love, regrets, and the complexities that define the essence of kinship.

Monday, March 11 at 1pm

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*

Embark on a thrilling adventure as Dr. Jones races against time to unlock a mysterious artifact, facing danger and intrigue.

Monday, April 1 at 1pm

Barbie*

Join Barbie on a dazzling adventure, embracing friendship and self-discovery. With vibrant cinematography and heartwarming storytelling, it's a journey of empowerment and joy.

Monday, May 13 at 1pm



*=registration required

wadsworth area historical society

The Northern Ohio Railway

Discover the rich history of the Northern Ohio Railway in an engaging presentation.

Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30pm

An Evening with Dr. Caesar Carrino

Join local historian Caesar Carrino in an enlightening presentation on Wadsworth, Ohio's vibrant history.

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30pm

Wadsworth Fire Station No. 1

Discover Wadsworth's future in safety and firefighting as Matt Hiscock and Chief Robert Lindner discuss the new Fire Station 1.

Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30pm



technology assistance

Artificial Intelligence - Part 1*

Unlock the mysteries of Artificial Intelligence in a captivating presentation. Gain insights into its impact, potential, and the future of technology, guided by expert understanding.

Monday, March 4 at 7pm

Artificial Intelligence - Part 2*

Delve into the crucial realm of AI ethics in an insightful presentation. Explore the ethical dimensions of artificial intelligence, addressing responsible development and societal impact.

Monday, March 18 at 7pm

Tech Tuesdays: Drop in Device Help

Stop in for personalized assistance with your devices – smartphones, tablets, laptops, you name it. Our friendly experts are here to demystify technology and make it work for you.

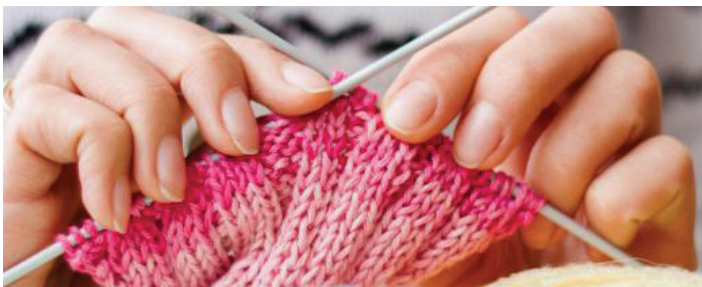
Tuesday, March 5, April 16, & May 28 from 3-4pm

Getting Started with Canva*

Learn how to use Canva - a free online tool for creating graphics. Learn to create a great looking file from scratch with available graphic elements and how to modify one of Canva's templates to achieve a fun result with little or no design experience.

Thursday, May 23 at 7pm

hands-on activities



Common Threads Fiber Arts Club

Join a welcoming crafting community! All skill levels can share, learn, and connect in a casual, unguided session. Bring your project and supplies for a social stitching experience.

Thursday, March 14, April 11 & May 9 at 6:30pm

Writing Workshop*

Unlock the rewards of writing with Seth Borgen's creative workshops. Gain feedback, discussion, and motivation to fuel your writing journey. Bring your material and dive into the discussion.

Thursday, March 7, April 4 & May 2 at 7pm

Interview Skills, Tips, and Resources*

Boost your job interview confidence! Learn essential skills, common questions, and valuable resources for successful preparation. Join us to ace your upcoming interview with confidence.

Thursday, May 30 at 7pm

Less Stress Chess: Chess Club

Discover chess with a simple introduction to basic rules for new players. Resources for strategy and learning are available. All adults welcome; serious competition not emphasized.

Wednesday, March 27, April 24 & May 29 at 6:30pm

Genealogy Club

Explore genealogy with tips, information exchange, and database access at our monthly Genealogy Club. WPL Staff will assist all levels of expertise in researching family history.

Tuesday, March 12, April 9 & May 14 at 2pm

*=registration required

Get Your Garden Ready for Summer*

Elevate your summer garden with insights from Friends of the Wadsworth Trails. Uncover expert advice on watering, fertilizing, and choosing the ideal blooms for a lush and vibrant outdoor sanctuary. Gear up for a season of flourishing greenery and floral brilliance.

Tuesday, March 19 at 6pm



Eliot Ness' Search for a Serial Killer

Eliot Ness, Cleveland's Safety Director, transformed the city's infrastructure, leaving a lasting legacy. Concurrently, he faced the notorious Torso Murders, an unsolved case that remains captivating. Explore the mysteries and the Cleveland shaped by Eliot Ness.

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm

Prep Your Bike for Spring

Gear up for spring biking! Join our presentation to learn essential tips on prepping your bike for the season. Discover what to look for and how to troubleshoot common issues, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable ride.

Monday, March 25 at 7pm

Medicare 101: Navigating the Medicare Maze*

Are you turning 65 or coming off a company plan? Confused about the different parts of Medicare? Sharon Honroth will explain Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplements, and Part D Prescription Plans at this educational program.

Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Unlock the secrets to a vibrant mind and body. Explore the profound link between brain and body health. Join our presentation to glean insights on aging well through lifestyle choices—nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement. Craft a personalized plan for healthy aging with hands-on tools.

Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm

Creating Engaging Content to Boost Your Business

Ignite your brand! Tailored for business owners and novice content creators, our presentation unveils strategies to elevate your content game. Whether starting out or seeking improvement, gain invaluable tips to make your brand stand out in the digital landscape.

Tuesday, April 30 at 7pm

The Songs Lennon and McCartney Gave Away

Embark on a musical journey into the uncharted realm of Lennon and McCartney's hidden gems from the '60s. Discover unreleased Beatles treasures, unravel stories of the artists who brought them to life, and immerse yourself in exclusive demos and rare Beatle tracks.

Monday, May 6 at 7pm



Creating a Wildlife Habitat in Your Backyard

Transform your backyard into a thriving wildlife haven! Join Medina County SWCD for an enriching presentation on crafting a biodiversity haven at home. Learn eco-friendly practices, embrace nature, and discover the joys of fostering a vibrant wildlife habitat in your own backyard.

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm



Join us for thrilling Solar Eclipse Programs at the Library! Witness the celestial spectacle with expert guidance and solar-viewing equipment. Engage in informative talks, crafts, and family-friendly activities.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Eclipse Over Ohio*

Join us for an enlightening program with the Wilderness Center of Wilmot, Ohio, unraveling the mysteries of the upcoming solar eclipse. Discover the path of totality, the science behind eclipses, and safe viewing practices. Don't miss this rare celestial spectacle—it's a once-in-a-generation event!

All Ages

Wednesday, April 3 at 2pm

Solar Eclipse Solvers*

Hurry! A rare eclipse is about to happen, but your special glasses are all locked up. Solve the puzzles and follow the clues to open the box so you can safely enjoy the solar eclipse!

All Ages

Thursday, April 4 at 1pm or 2pm

Please sign up for one time slot.

Eclipse Scavenger Hunt

Join our children's eclipse scavenger hunt for cosmic fun, discovering hidden treasures and learning about eclipses.

All Ages

April 1 - April 8

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Astronomy and the Solar Eclipse

Join local astronomy expert, Tom Stugmyer and unlock the wonders of the night sky, master the art of stargazing, and gain exclusive insights into the 2024 total eclipse. Immerse yourself in the celestial realm for a journey of awe and discovery.

Tuesday, April 2 at 7pm

Meet Astronaut Mike Foreman*

A veteran of two space flights and former Wadsworth resident, Foreman has logged more than 637 hours in space, including 32 hours and 19 minutes of EVA in five spacewalks. Gain firsthand insights into his astronaut journey, shuttle missions, NASA career, and engage in an interactive session with the chance to pose your burning questions to this space exploration expert. **Registration required.**

Saturday, April 6 at 2pm - OJ Work Auditorium

Drop In Crafts for All Ages

Monday, April 1 from 1-3pm

Create an interactive Solar Eclipse Craft.

Tuesday, April 2 from 1-3pm

Create a holder for your solar eclipse glasses to make viewing the eclipse easier and safe.

Friday, April 5 from 1-8pm

Create some Eclipse crafts.

Adult Craft Program Moon Phase Wall Hanging*

Craft celestial magic! Create a moon phase wall-hanging in anticipation of the total solar eclipse. All skill levels welcome. Materials Provided.

Registration Required

Adult Patrons Only

Monday, April 1 at 6:30pm





EL at the Library

Hello English Language Learners! Please join us for some fun at the library. We will practice English skills and learn about American culture through books, games, crafts, and conversation.

March's Topic: My Family

Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30pm

April's Topic: Around Town

Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30pm

May's Topic: Hobbies and Free Time

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Let the games begin! We will provide a variety of games. Drop in to play an old favorite or try a brand new game. Have fun with your family and make new friends!

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm



PROBLEM SOLVERS

Put your problem solving and logic skills to the test in these interactive programs. Work together to figure out the clues and beat the clock to unlock the answers. All ages welcome, but best suited for children ages 9-14 and their families.



Amusement Park Mishap*

You're at a fabulous amusement park having the best time ever! You've ridden all of the rides, bought some great souvenirs, and had your fill of yummy food. Now the day is coming to a close, and your family can't seem to find the car keys. You remember securing them in the rental locker, but what happened to the combinations? Don't panic! Just retrace your steps through the park using maps and clues to solve the puzzles. Then you'll be able retrieve your keys and head home before the park is locked up for the night.

Tuesday, April 16 at 4pm

Please register the number of people that will be attending.

students ages 14-18

ACT Practice Testing*

Register to take a complete simulated ACT practice test which mimics actual testing conditions and questions in a similar environment. Test will take approximately 3 hours to complete.

Saturday, March 23 from 1-4pm

Saturday, June 1 from 1-4pm

ACT Exam Review*

Preparing for the ACT? Get valuable test-taking tips and access free resources for section review and practice tests. Ideal for first-time ACT takers, this comprehensive overview guides you toward success.

Tuesday, March 12 at 4pm

Tuesday, May 14 at 4pm

ACT Math Review*

Learn about the topics covered on the ACT Math section and practice with some sample problems. An advanced math teacher will be on hand to answer specific questions and guide your math review.

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm

VOLUNTEERS

Calling all Teens! Are you looking for ways to give back to your community? Do you need volunteer service hours for graduation? Join us to participate in an hour of volunteering fun! Open to students in grades 7-12.



Spread Goodwill

Create cards to send to our Homebound Patrons.

Saturday, March 16 at 1pm

Library Help

Plan and prepare crafts for the May the Fourth program.

Saturday, April 20 at 1pm

Hands On with Kids

Assist participating kids with the May the Fourth drop in craft program.

Saturday, May 4 at 1pm

students ages 9-14

HARRY POTTER CLUB

Celebrate everyone's favorite wizard with trivia competitions, crafts, Hogwarts classes, and other activities and discussions. Harry Potter attire is always welcome!



Hooray for Hermione!*

This month, we celebrate Hermione Granger's intellect with a trivia competition, creative bookmark designing, mad libs, acrostics, and a time turner craft to honor her bookish brilliance.

Wednesday, March 6 at 4pm

Astronomy Class*

Ascend to the tallest tower as we blend magic and science to delve into Astronomy, mandatory for Hogwarts first to fifth years. Explore planets, constellations, and engage in hands-on activities to uncover the marvels of the stars, concluding with insights into the upcoming solar eclipse.

Wednesday, April 3 at 4pm

Lookalikes and Readalikes*

Don your favorite Harry Potter attire for a character match-up. In our wizarding garb, we'll engage in Potterific games and hunt for golden snitches unveiling titles and authors beloved by fellow Harry Potter enthusiasts.

Wednesday, May 1 at 4pm

*=registration required

TWEEN THURSDAYS

Come hang out at a special after-school club just for kids 9-14. We will do lots of cool things, but definitely plan on awesome DIY activities, some serious challenges, and loads of fun! Tween Thursdays meet every Thursday at 4pm, excluding school breaks.



March Sessions

Save My Spot

Ditch paper scraps! Craft cute, simple bookmarks with us—perfect for any book lover, solving your bookmarking worries. **March 7 at 4pm**

Who Are You?

Explore your complexity. Discover personality traits through fun tests and games. Uncover more about who you are and enjoy the journey. **March 14 at 4pm**

Spinning Top CD

Craft a spinning top using an old CD, marble, and water bottle cap. Add flair with a glue gun, decorate, and spin for fun competitions. **March 21 at 4pm**

Peeps Diorama

What's a diorama? It's a scene you create using various craft supplies and, in this case, using our favorite seasonal treat; Peeps! It can look like whatever you can think up! **March 28 at 4pm**

April Sessions

Simple Winch

A winch is sort of like a crank, and we'll make one using toilet paper rolls, string and other supplies to make a very cool simple machine that works.

April 11 at 4pm

Fold It and Crease It Origami

We'll learn simple techniques to make various types of origami like a cat, a dog and a fox. **April 18 at 4pm**

Make Your Own Board Game

Create your own game—Tic Tac Toe, Hangman, or a custom board game. Choose themes like Minecraft or Wings of Fire. Supplies provided! **April 25 at 4pm**



May Sessions

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

What better way to honor Cinco De Mayo than with a piñata! We'll use lots of colorful tissue paper to make it look good and fill it with tasty treats. **May 2 at 4pm**

Mother's Day Surprise

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. Let's show mom some love and appreciation and make her something she'll treasure. **May 9 at 4pm**

DIY Bird Feeder

Connect with nature by feeding birds. Create a DIY bird feeder for a personalized touch in your backyard, attracting amazing birds. **May 16 at 4pm**

Flashback Thursday

Enjoy classic games: marbles, hopscotch, hula hoop contest, string games, checkers, chess, and backgammon. Wicked good fun awaits! **May 23 at 4pm**



Whiz Bang Science! Great American Eclipse*

Dr. Dave's new spectacular show focuses on the science and history of eclipse events, with experiments to delight and entertain while illustrating cosmic concepts! You do not want to miss this show!

Ages 3-12
Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30pm

May the Fourth Be With You Drop in Crafts

Attention all Jedis and Star Wars enthusiasts! Join us at the Library for an intergalactic celebration of creativity with Star Wars-themed crafts. Embrace the force on May the Fourth as we embark on a crafting journey celebrating the spirit of the iconic galaxy far, far away.

All Ages
Saturday, May 4 from 1-3pm

Taco Tuesday*

Who loves tacos? Dragons love tacos! Come to the library this month as we read this fun story. We will play taco-themed games, dance a Mexican Hat Dance and make our own piñatas and sombreros. It will be a fun fiesta!

Ages 3-12
Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm

Garden Club Planting Day*

It's time to launch the 2024 Garden Club! Join us in the Library courtyard for a delightful gardening adventure. Let's roll up our sleeves, cultivate a vibrant array of flowers, aromatic herbs, and delicious vegetables, transforming our outdoor space into a blooming haven of natural beauty. Gardening enthusiasts and novices alike, come together to sow seeds, nurture plants, and foster a sense of community through shared green endeavors.

Ages 5-12
Monday, May 20 at 6:30pm



LET'S EXPLORE

Explore different science themes in this series that's all about discovery! Ages 5-12.



The Science of Birds*

Fly to the library to learn about birds! We will identify different types of birds and explore which ones are native to Ohio. We will learn about different beak shapes and bird homes. A little birdie told me it's going to be a soaring good time!

Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm

ALPHABET ADVENTURE

Let's go on an alphabet adventure together! Each session will feature a different letter of the alphabet that we explore through stories, songs, and hands-on fun. After sitting together for stories and movements, you will have the chance to visit learning stations with your child. Ages 2-6.



W is for Wind*

Let's get blown away by some wonderful books and sing some easy breezy songs together. Then we'll learn about the letter W through crafts and activities. Kids will make a weather wheel and wind sock, practice writing Ws, walk a windy wire, and predict which objects can withstand gusts from a fan!

Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm



R is for Robot*

Beep, beep...R is for Robot. Bolt on over to the library for a really radical time exploring the letter R and robots! We will read books, sing songs, play games and more all about robots. Charge your batteries for a rocking good time creating robots out of playdough, doing a robot dance, practicing writing the letter R and much more!

Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm



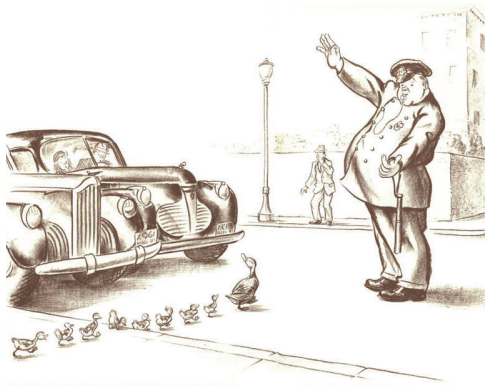
T is for Turtle*

Hey everybody, it's turtle time! Creep your way to the library to read some tremendous turtle tales and sing some turtle-y terrific songs with us. After our stories, we'll trace the letter T, play some reptile games, and make a turtle headband. To top it all off, we'll try a fruity turtle snack.

Thursday, May 16 at 6:30pm

EXPLORASTORY

Exploring is what young minds do best! Join us for a monthly program that encourages learning and discovery. We will explore a topic with stories, games and hands-on fun! Ages 2-6.



Make Way for Ducklings*

Stop everything, let the ducks cross the road! Join us at the library as we read the classic story, *Make Way for Ducklings* and other stories about ducks. We will make duck crafts, sing, dance, and race mini ducks in their little pond.

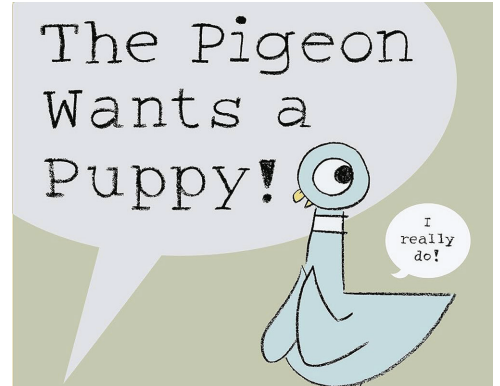
Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30pm



Bearplane!*

Grab your ticket and load up your luggage, we're headed to the Bearport! We'll blend the themes of bears and planes in this month's explorations after we read Deborah Underwood's book *Bearplane!* Kids will make air traffic control art, land and launch airplanes, and take part in other "beary" fun activities.

Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm



The Pigeon Wants a Puppy*

What's your favorite pet? The Pigeon is sure he wants a puppy...or does he? This month we will explore pets as we read *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy* and other fun pet stories. We will have a pretend pet grooming station and pet wash and make fun pet crafts.

Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm

ART FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

Children will learn about the life and times of an artist and create their own piece of art. Curriculum notes and handouts will be available if needed. All Ages.



Jennifer Bartlett*

We will explore the artwork of American painter and print artist, Jennifer Bartlett, best known for her prints on steel tiles. Students will paint a wooden egg with acrylic paints.

Wednesday, March 27 at 2 pm

Sofonisba Anguissola*

Delve into the life and artistry of Sofonisba Anguissola. Students will hone their own artistic skills by learning the intricacies of drawing faces and creating captivating portrait drawings.

Wednesday, April 24 at 2pm

Georges Braque*

Learn about French painter Georges Braque. Students will learn about cubism, as well as a few facts about the artist and his art style. Students will make a cubist drawing using colored pencils and rulers.

Wednesday, May 22 at 2pm

JUST FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Join us quarterly for explorations of various topics designed for homeschool families. All Ages.



Life in the Ocean*

Dive deep into oceanography with an exploration of its layers, delving into the intricate habitats of marine life. Engage in hands-on learning as we craft a masterpiece intricately tied to the oceanic wonders we uncover in this immersive lesson.

Wednesday, May 8 at 2pm

ART IN THE AFTERNOON

Join us after school for a relaxed time of artistic creativity. Ages 5 and up.



Woven Bowls

Using yarn and a paper plate, we are going to learn how to weave a beautiful, colorful bowl.

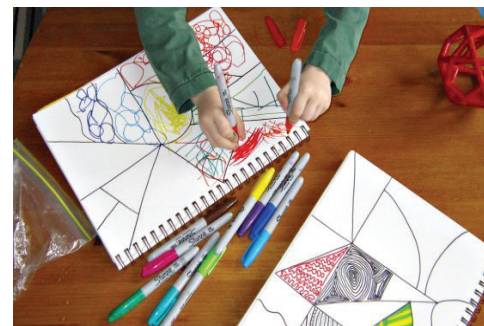
Monday, March 4 at 4pm



Paper Quilling

Learn the art of rolling, shaping, and gluing paper to create beautiful art pieces.

Monday, April 15 at 4pm



Zentangles

We will learn about this meditative art process and create some art pieces with this beginner lesson in Zentangles.

Monday, May 6 at 4pm

WEEKLY DROP-IN STORY TIMES

Enjoy stories, songs, and movement together. Spring Story Times end May 17.



Baby & Me Story Time

For you & your birth to 24-month-old baby.

Mondays at 10am

All Ages Story Time

For you and your child of any age.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am

Toddler Story Time

For you and your toddler.

Wednesdays at 10am

Pajama Story Time

Put on your coziest pajamas, and grab a stuffed animal! For all ages.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Preschool Story Time

For you and your 3- to 5-year-old child.

Fridays at 10am

(except 3/15, 4/19, & 5/17)

Playgroup

For you and your child. This is the perfect time to meet other parents and caregivers. It also gives your child a chance to make new friends. Toys will be provided.

Monday–Friday at 10:30am

(except 3/15, 4/19 & 5/17)

Music & Movement

Join us for a celebration of song. Children of all ages will enjoy music, rhythm, dancing, and playing musical instruments.

Friday, March 15, April 19, May 17 at 10am

Sensory Friendly Story Time*

Join us for a story time prepared especially for children on the autism spectrum, those with sensory integration challenges, and their families and caregivers. We will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in a supportive environment followed by a time to play. When registering your child, please feel free to share any pertinent information that will allow us to better engage with your child.

Monday, March 25, April 22, and May 13 at 6:30pm

Tales and Tails

On the second Saturday of every month, therapy dogs visit the upstairs children's activity area to read with children. Dogs are great listeners, and this is a fun way for children to practice their reading skills!

All Ages

Saturday, March 9, April 13, May 11

from 10:30 am - 12pm



LEGO® Club

We provide the LEGO® bricks, you provide the imagination! We will provide special building challenges, along with time for free play.

All Ages

Thursday, March 14, April 11, May 9 at 6:30pm

Special Edition LEGO® Club

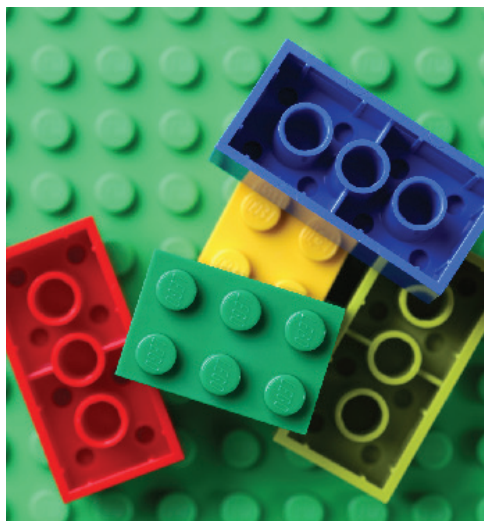
Saturday, April 27 10:30am - 12pm

Pokemon® Club

Join us for our monthly Pokemon® Club and meet other Pokemon® players. Talk about Pokemon®, trade cards (with parental permission) and have fun! This is a child-run program.

Ages 5-14

Monday, March 11, April 15, May 6 at 6:30pm



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Did you know that if you read three books every night to your child you will read over 1,000 books in just one year? This early literacy program is a fun way for you to share your love of reading with your child and help prepare them for Kindergarten! Reading to your child helps them develop strong early literacy skills, strengthen their vocabulary, and discover the world of books.

You can now sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten online! Visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/1000books to register and download tracking forms. For more information, call 330.334.5761, or email reference@wadsworthlibrary.com.

READ 100!

Kindergarten Reading Challenge

Kindergarten is a crucial time for your child to pick up early literacy skills that will put them on the path to becoming a reader. Learning to read takes lots of practice—more than they can get at school—and you can support your child by reading aloud to them often. We ask you to read to your kindergartener 100 books from a list selected by the librarians at WPL. We have mixed up some classics, some new, and many others that will grow your reader.

If you can get through all 100 books by the end of the school year, you will receive a certificate of completion and a free book! Visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/read-100 or call 330.334.5761, for more information.

READ First!

First Grade Reading Challenge

First grade can be a really exciting time as you watch your child grow into a reader. We have chosen 50 books for them to read throughout the school year that are fun, engaging, and educational. These are books that you can read aloud to your child, or you may find as the year progresses that maybe your child can read them to you!

If you are able to read all 50 before the end of the school year, visit the library for a certificate of completion and a free book! Visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/read-first or call 330.334.5761, for more information.

READ Out Loud!

Second Grade Reading Challenge

As second graders work to become fluent readers, they need lots of practice reading aloud. Our second grade challenge will encourage them to do just that! We challenge your second grader to read aloud 50 books during the school year. They can choose any 50 books that are at their reading level and read aloud to anyone who will listen, family pets included!

Keep a record of all the books, and once they have read 50, come to the library for a certificate of completion and a free book! Visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/read-out-loud or call 330.334.5761, for more information.

READ True!

Third Grade Reading Challenge

Third grade is a pivotal year for reading. This is usually when students flip from learning to read to reading to learn. This is why we are asking third graders to read 25 nonfiction books. We ask that you read 2 books in each of the following categories and 5 of your own choosing: Space, Animals, Poetry, History, Inventions and Inventors, Arts/Music, Science, Geography, Sports, Biographies.

Once you have completed the challenge, please visit the library with your completed list to receive a certificate of completion and a free book! Visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/read-true or call 330.334.5761, for more information.

READ Diverse!

Fourth Grade Reading Challenge

In fourth grade, we are challenging students to read 5 diverse books. It is important to read diverse books because they teach us about others and promote respect and empathy for differences while emphasizing our similarities. They also build community unity and inclusivity. Diverse books can open up dialogue about what is happening all around us.

Since everyone is unique, we ask that you choose books that are diverse to you. Log all five and visit the library when you have completed the challenge to receive a certificate of completion and a free book! Visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/read-diverse or call 330.334.5761, for more information.

READ Challenge!

Middle Grade Reading Challenge

Fifth through eighth grade is an exciting time full of new activities. However, reading for pleasure is a great way to slow down and learn new things. We are challenging you to read 10 books in different genres during these four years. Just to make it more fun, the Library will reward you with a free book when you complete the challenge! Log all ten books and visit the library when you have completed the challenge to receive a certificate of completion and a free book! Visit www.wadsworthlibrary.com/read-challenge or call 330.334.5761, for more information.

100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

100 Books Before Graduation

High school is a busy time with school work and all sorts of activities. However, reading for pleasure is a great way to slow down and escape real life pressures. We are challenging you to read 100 books before you graduate from high school. Just to make it more fun, the Library will reward you with a free book when you complete 50 books and a \$20 gift card when you complete all 100 books. Learn more and register at www.wadsworthlibrary.com/100bbg.

SUMMER READING CLUB



registration begins May 28

Children and teens who participate in summer library programs benefit from engaging activities and opportunities which promote literacy development and can help to counter summer slide. Sponsored by the Friends of the Wadsworth Public Library, our 2024 Summer Reading Club will incorporate reading, fun, and friendship! Check our website for additional information.

Registration begins for all ages (including Adults) on May 28.
Tracking begins on June 2.

We have programs and prizes tailored for all age groups:

- Read to Me:** Ages birth to 2
- Summer Reading:** Age 3 to Grade 6
- Teen Summer Reading:** Grade 7 to 12
- Adult Summer Reading:** Age 18+

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Teen Volunteer Opportunities

We're always looking for enthusiastic teen volunteers to help with our Summer Reading Program! Students ages 14-18 can stop by the children's department for an application and more information.

design a bookmark contest

Pick up a template at the library and then design a bookmark that celebrates reading. We will pick winners whose designs will be made into bookmarks for patrons to use.

Ages 3-12
Tuesday, May 28 to Sunday, June 9
(2023 Winners Pictured Here)





Wadsworth Public Library Foundation

Join us for Free Mini-Golf Inside the Library

The library will transform into an 18-hole miniature golf course throughout the building. Players of all ages will putt their way through the library. Children who complete the course will receive a special prize.

June 1 from 11am to 5pm

Don't miss your chance to play mini-golf inside the Wadsworth Public Library!

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Sponsorship Opportunity

Hundreds of participants will be in the Library providing a great opportunity to promote your business or service.

Your tax-deductible sponsorship is not only an excellent way to gain visibility for your company, but it will also help us continue to sustain a number of important Library services and programs and ensure the Library remains one of our community's greatest treasures.

If you, your organization, or business is interested in sponsoring a hole, please email the Foundation Treasurer, Mike Wager, at foundationtreasurer@wadsworthlibrary.com





Greetings Wadsworth!

The Friends of the Wadsworth Library is getting set for yet another Bargain Basement Book Sale. Doesn't it feel as if we just had a sale? Well, yes, yes it does. But April will be here before you know it and our volunteers are back at it, sorting, shelving, and doing everything necessary to prepare the sale room for the big spring sale. Members of the Friends can shop the sale on April 11 starting at 5:30 PM. We'll be open to the general public on Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13 from 10 AM-5 PM, ending with the ever-popular bag sale on Sunday, April 14 from 1-4 PM. If you'd like to become a member, you may do so at any time, including the night of the preview sale.

The Friends of the Wadsworth Library Board is comprised of an all-volunteer staff who meet once a month to plan the book sales and handle other business with the ultimate mission of supporting Wadsworth Library programs and operations. If you have spare time, please consider joining us for meetings where we work to shape the future of the organization. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the library (except December, when we meet on the second Wednesday and there are no meetings in June, July, or August.) Our upcoming meeting dates are February 21, March 20, April 17, and May 15. You may also contact us at friends@wadsworthlibrary.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued support! We hope to see you at the spring sale!

With Respect,

David Bartiromo
President
Friends of the Wadsworth Library

Learn more @ www.wadsworthlibrary.com/friends



Friends Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Wadsworth Public Library.

Please detach this application form and drop it off or mail it to:
Friends of the Wadsworth Public Library
132 Broad Street, Wadsworth OH 44281

Name _____
Address _____
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Phone _____
Email _____

Please print clearly. Email used to send notice of sales, meetings & events.

I wish to be contacted about volunteer opportunities

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Members' Preview Sale Thursday, April 11 5:30-8:30pm

Join today to shop during the Member Preview Sale!

General Public Sale Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13 10am-5pm

General Public Sale Bag Sale Sunday, April 14 1-4pm

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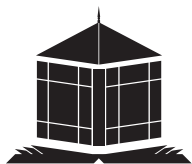
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Library Closing Dates

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Sunday, March 31

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With care for every person, Wadsworth Public Library centers our community's commitment to lifelong curiosity, learning, and reading.


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