



Wadsworth Public Library

WINTER 2022/23 PROGRAM GUIDE

GINGERBREAD DECORATING CONTEST

Celebrate the holidays and decorate your own gingerbread house for a chance to win!

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INTRODUCTION TO PLANT BASED NUTRITION

Learn the basics of Whole Food Plant Based Nutrition and how this way of eating is transformational.

Details on page 6

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letter from the director

Dear Neighbors:

We hope this year's winter program guide finds you well as you prepare for the holiday season. Our team has planned another wide-ranging mix of programs for the cold months ahead, for patrons of all ages and walks of life.

At Wadsworth Public Library, we place a particular emphasis on ensuring that our community's youngest citizens have ample opportunities to cultivate a lifelong love of reading. We encourage parents to check out our weekly story time programs; no reservations are required and it's never too early nor too late to begin. Story time is a great place to meet other parents as you and your child celebrate the magic of the written word. Reading early and often to your child is a powerful practice that will pay dividends academically and in life. Children who read succeed.

Wadsworth Public Library has been an increasingly busy place full of readers, seekers, thinkers, explorers, and creators this year, with an average of over 10,000 visitors each month. Between January and September, 26,732 individuals of all ages attended our programs, experiencing live music, building Lego masterpieces, sharing hundreds of stories, or exploring their ancestry, to name a few of the paths available at Wadsworth Public Library. Our staff is here to help you find a trailhead as you embark on your next adventure, whether literally out into the world or into the depths of the imagination, thought, and human experience.

As we continue to climb back toward pre-COVID usage levels, we recognize that a well-used facility such as ours requires ongoing investments and refurbishment to maintain the quality and functionality our community deserves. This November 14, crews will begin long-awaited work to improve the layout of our first floor. This work is expected to draw to a close by January 2023. We apologize for the unavoidable disruption during this time. You can learn more about these changes by visiting www.wadsworthlibrary.com/interior-improvements

If you are new to the community, we invite you to come and register for your WPL library card and begin enjoying all of the benefits we have to offer as your local, independent public library.

We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



Daniel Slife



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CONGRATULATIONS WPL OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

This summer our Outreach Department was inducted into the Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation Senior Advocate Hall of Fame.



OUTREACH SERVICES Year to Date At A Glance



Pelican Post Home Delivery Program for homebound seniors delivered **1,989 items** to **340 patrons**.

Deliveries are made weekly every Tuesday and Friday.

Outreach Staff visited **110 local senior facilities** engaging **705 local seniors** with book clubs, craft programs, adult story times, and more.



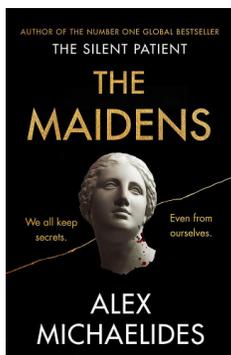
Area nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and the Soprema Senior Center are visited at least monthly.

Thank you, Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation, for recognizing us and our Outreach Department. It is our sincere pleasure to serve older adults in Wadsworth.



NOVEL IDEAS

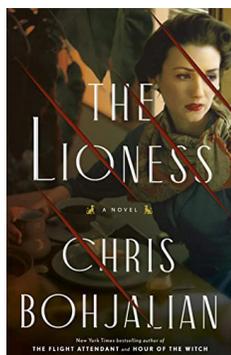
Novel Ideas is the perfect place to read great books with great book nerds. Join us to discuss topical, thought-provoking contemporary fiction.



The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides

Edward Fosca is a murderer, of this Mariana is certain. But he is untouchable. A handsome Greek tragedy professor, Fosca is adored by staff and students alike—particularly by the members of a secret society of female students known as The Maidens. Mariana quickly suspects that behind the ancient traditions lies something sinister.

Wednesday, December 7 at 7pm



The Lioness* by Chris Bohjalian

When an A-list actress and her new husband decide to bring their Hollywood friends to the Serengeti for their honeymoon, they envisioned a safari adventure. What they did not expect is a kidnapping gone wrong, their guides bleeding out in the dirt, and a team of Russian mercenaries herding them as hostages into Land Rovers, guns to their heads.

Wednesday, January 4 at 7pm



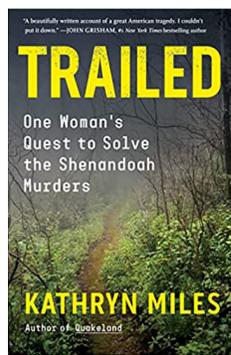
One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle

When Katy's mother dies, she is left reeling. To make matters worse, the mother-daughter trip of a lifetime looms: two weeks in Positano, the magical town where Carol spent the summer before she met Katy's father. Over the course of one Italian summer, Katy gets to know Carol, not as her mother, but as the young woman who came before.

Wednesday, February 1 at 7pm

MONDAY NIGHT INTRIGUE

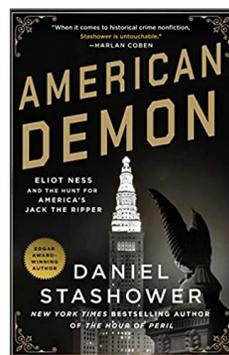
Flex your armchair detective skills and journey into stories that will chill you to the bone with Monday Night Intrigue, the book club dedicated to true crime nonfiction.



Trailed* by Kathryn Miles

In May 1996, two skilled hikers entered Virginia's Shenandoah National Park for a camping trip. After the pair didn't return home as planned, park rangers found a scene of horror at their campsite: their tent slashed open, their beloved dog missing, and both women dead in their sleeping bags.

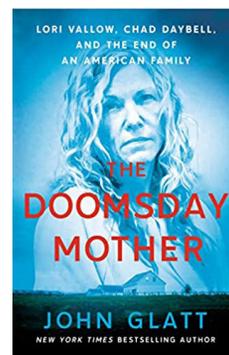
Monday, December 12 at 7pm



American Demon* by Daniel Stashower

In 1934, a young beachcomber made a gruesome discovery on the shores of Cleveland's Lake Erie: the lower half of a female torso, neatly severed at the waist. The victim, dubbed "The Lady of the Lake," was only the first of a butcher's dozen. As terror gripped the city, Cleveland's mayor turned to his newly-appointed director of public safety: Eliot Ness.

Monday, January 9 at 7pm



The Domsday Mother* by John Glatt

For years, Lori Vallow was devoted to her children and her Mormon faith. But when her path crossed with Chad Daybell, a religious zealot, the tumultuous relationship transformed her into someone unrecognizable. As authorities searched for Lori's children, they uncovered more suspicious deaths. In June 2020, the newlyweds were arrested and charged with murder.

Monday, February 13 at 7pm

personalized book recommendations

Not sure what you want to read next? Get a free list of personalized book recommendations! Share your reading preferences by phone, email, or online at www.wadsworthlibrary.com/recommend, and a WPL librarian will create a customized reading list just for you. The more information you can give us, the more personalized your list will be. You can expect a response within approximately one week.

And it's not limited to just books—we can help you find movies and music, too!





NEO5 Brass Quintet: An Afternoon of Holiday Tunes*

Join us for a program of holiday tunes with the NEO5 Brass Quintet. The group consists of members from the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Pops, Akron and Canton Symphonies, each with an impressive musical pedigree. This program is sure to brighten your day and ignite the Christmas spirit.
Sunday, December 11 at 2pm



Tina Bergmann and Bryan Thomas*

Tina Bergmann and Bryan Thomas are a Northeast Ohio husband and wife duo playing hammered dulcimer and bass. The husband-wife duo will showcase a variety of Celtic, American Old Time and South American arrangements, as well as discuss the tunes and talk about their instruments and unique arrangements.
Sunday, January 8 at 2pm



Stephan Haluska: Demystifying the Harp*

The harp has developed a mystical identity in western culture as the sound of angels in heaven, magic, and dream sequences. Considering these stereotypes, Stephan will attempt to demystify the harp through a program of original and composed music by John Cage, Rhodri Davies, Carole Finer, and others.
Sunday, February 12 at 2pm

wadsworth area historical society



Join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm as we celebrate and learn about Wadsworth area history with presentations* from the Wadsworth Area Historical Society.

**Wednesday, December 14,
January 11, & February 8 at
7:30pm**

* Visit the WPL online events calendar for program titles and details.

presentations



Introduction to Plant Based Nutrition

The food we eat impacts our body functions, our mental focus, and our overall well being. Learn the basics of Whole Food Plant Based (WFPB) nutrition and why this way of eating is transformational, not only for you, but also for the planet.

Thursday, January 12 at 7pm

The Toledo War

A border dispute between Ohio and the Michigan Territory nearly erupted into an armed conflict in 1835. Is this the root of the Ohio-Michigan rivalry? This program presents the history of the quarrel and how we can still see the results of the outcome.

Thursday, January 26 at 7pm

Through the Eyes of the Artist: Vincent Van Gogh

Join us in uncovering the fascinating details of the life and works of Vincent Van Gogh, dispelling rumors and tales surrounding his life with the true story of passion and obsession.

Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm

Sleep Wellness 101

Sleep is a critical time for overall body healing, regulation and restoration. Join us for this informative presentation on how to get your best sleep. You'll learn ways to promote sleep, how to get your body ready for sleep, relaxation tools, and much more.

Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 7pm

The History of the Cleveland Browns

Come along this roller coaster ride through the history of one of the most storied franchises in the NFL. Author and veteran sports writer Marty Gitlin will show videos of and discuss the greatest and most interesting players, teams, events, and moments since the Browns were born.

Monday, February 6 at 7pm

Truth Seeker: America's First Ladies

Since first ladies have an obvious interest in being remembered well, should we trust everything they say? Join a representative from the First Ladies Historic Site as they examine some controversial aspects of first lady history and get to the bottom of some mysteries.

Tuesday, February 7 at 7pm

author visits



Misty Wilson: Becoming a Kid-Lit Author

In this presentation, Misty describes her path to becoming an author, including the inspiration behind her graphic memoir *Play Like a Girl* and the process of getting it published. Includes a Q&A.

Tuesday, January 3, at 6:30pm



Brandon Massullo: Haunted Medina County

Join Brandon Massullo the author of *Haunted Medina County* as he sheds light on the ghostly lore surrounding Medina county's restaurants, libraries, freeways, parks, and more.

Thursday, February 9 at 7pm



Don Ake: Deep Heavy Stuff

Be prepared for side-splitting humor as author Don Ake reads from and discusses his third short essay humor book, *Turkey Terror At My Door! – Misadventures & Memories of a Middle-Aged Man*. The topics are relatable to everyday life and laugh out loud funny.

Thursday, February 16 at 7pm

hands-on activities

Ceramic Paint and Take*

Do you have the winter blahs? We have the solution for you. Join Robyn House of Bisque and Pieces as she sparks your creativity and joy by painting a spring-inspired bisque flower pot. Bisque is a type of pottery that has been fired in a kiln without a ceramic glaze. All materials are provided for this "paint it yourself" workshop. Participants will leave the program with a completed work of ceramic art. Registration is required.

Wednesday, February 22 at 7pm

Writing Workshop*

The art of writing comes with great struggles but provides even greater rewards. Local author Seth Borgen will help guide your creative writing process in a trio of workshops designed to give your writing a boost with feedback, discussion, and a push to keep you going. Seth, author of the award-winning *If I Die in Ohio*, is proof the struggle can pay off. Patrons are encouraged to bring their material and be ready to jump into the discussion.

Thursday, December 1, January 5 & February 2 at 7pm

Introduction to Wadsworth Area Toastmasters

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Join us for these informational sessions to learn more about Toastmasters and how the club can help you sharpen your skills to speak with greater confidence. For more information, visit Wadsworth.ToastmastersClubs.org.

Saturday, December 10 at 10am, Tuesday, January 24 & February 28 at 7pm



Genealogy Club

Are you interested in discovering your family history? Do you need help using genealogical resources? Using local and online resources, library staff will answer and assist you with your family tree questions.

Tuesday, December 13, January 10 & February 14 at 2pm

Introduction to Online Job Searching*

Interested in learning how and where to search for jobs online? Join the Wadsworth Public Library to discuss crafting a search strategy and navigating online job boards to assist you in your job hunt.

Thursday, February 23 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.

Thomas Kinkade's Christmas Cottage*

A look at the inspiration behind Thomas Kinkade's painting *The Christmas Cottage* and how the artist was motivated to begin his career after discovering his mother was in danger of losing their family home.

Monday, December 5 at 1pm



Uncharted*

Street-smart Nathan Drake is recruited by seasoned treasure hunter Victor "Sully" Sullivan to recover a fortune amassed by Ferdinand Magellan and lost 500 years ago by the House of Moncada.

Monday, January 2 at 1pm

Marry Me*

Music superstars Kat Valdez and Bastian are getting married before a global audience of fans. But when Kat learns, seconds before her vows, that Bastian has been unfaithful, she instead decides to marry Charlie, a stranger in the crowd.

Monday, February 6 at 1pm

*=registration required

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.

Ugh, I Heart Homework*

Someone has sprinkled a homework-loving powder all around town. Very soon everyone will be in love with homework! They'll ask for more homework, write poems about homework, and sing songs about homework. They won't be able to do anything but homework. All. The. Time. To stop the homework madness, you must follow the clues, solve the puzzle, and unlock the boxes to activate the antidote.

Thursday, February 2 at 6:30pm

Please register the number of people that will be attending.



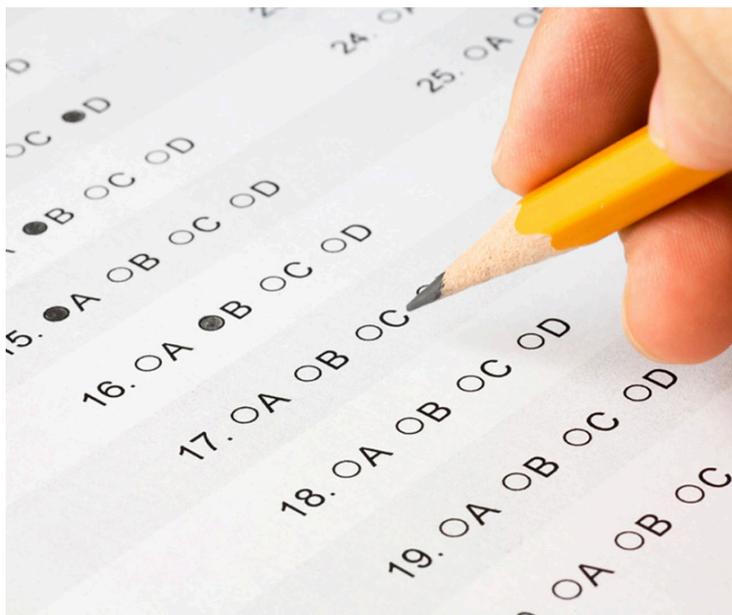
FAMILY GAME NIGHT

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, January 26 at 6:30pm

Thursday, February 16 at 6:30pm

college & career readiness for students ages 14-18



ACT Exam Review*

Are you preparing to take the ACT test? In this comprehensive overview, you'll gain some helpful test taking tips and come away with a variety of FREE resources for reviewing the specific sections and taking practice tests. Find out when and where you can register, learn about the test format and scoring, and lots more. Being prepared and knowing what to expect on test day is your best chance for success. This program is best suited for those who have never taken the ACT.

Thursday, December 1 & January 26 at 4pm

ACT Practice Testing*

You've been studying for the ACT and mastering sample test questions, but you'd like to test your knowledge in real time. 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, December 3 & January 28 at 1pm

students ages 12-17

CREATE! Explore new ways to express your creativity through demonstrations and hands-on activities.



Crafted from Clothespins*

Make something new from old-fashioned fasteners by constructing a craft using wooden clothespins. Stack them, take them apart, and reassemble them to make an interesting design. Decorate them with paint or paper to make a glittery snowflake or fashion an idea of your own.

Tuesday, December 6 at 4pm

Cocoa and Cross Stitch*

Looking for a cozy new hobby? Then head to the library to try your hand at two Create! stations. Participants will make a small cross stitch sampler and a hot cocoa mix to take home. Simple patterns, materials, and ingredients will be provided.

Tuesday, January 3 at 4pm

Self-Care Creations*

Show yourself some love at this month's Create! We'll make several items to beat the winter blues from milk baths to affirming, inspirational artwork. Prepare to pamper yourself and be reminded of all the reasons you're totally lovable.

Tuesday, February 7 at 4pm

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!

NOT Santa's Elves*

Forget North Pole workshops and toy-making elves. All of our crafts and activities this month will focus on the house elves in Harry Potter. We'll play elfish games, find a new use for socks, and create Harry Potter decorations that would make Dobby proud.

Wednesday, December 7 at 4pm

Triwizard Tournament*

Are you the hero of your House? Able to solve a sphinx's riddle? Navigate a library labyrinth? Then come put your name in the Goblet of Fire and try our Triwizard Tournament. The good news is you don't have to use an aging potion to enter!

Wednesday, January 4 at 4pm

Love in the Wizarding World*

Where do you see love in the Wizarding World? It's an important theme in the Harry Potter series so we'll search for different ways it shows up in the lives of various characters. Come ready to share your ideas as we read excerpts, watch clips, and make up some batches of amortentia, too.

Wednesday, February 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. No registration required.



January Drop-In Sessions:

Secret Art of the Ninja

Learn about ninjas and make killer origami ninja stars and bendy pipe cleaner ninjas.

January 5 at 4pm

Endless Cube

Use regular wooden blocks and colorful tape to make your own amazingly addictive flippy and turny fidget toy.

January 12 at 4pm

String Art

Relax and chill while you make a stunning piece of art using colored string.

January 19 at 4pm

The Mysterious Brain

Learn how your brain works and then freak your friends out by making a brain cap out of a paper brain template that you can wear!

January 26 at 4pm



December Drop-In Sessions:

Giant Snowflakes

These are made to impress! Make giant snowflakes out of printer paper and use a hot glue gun to make super cool stars out of ordinary lunch bags.

December 1 at 4pm

How to Hobo

Step back in time and discover the life of a hobo. Learn the symbols hoboes used to communicate, discuss the hobo code of living, and make your own hobo stick.

December 8 at 4pm

Game Day

Sit back, relax and let's play some games! We'll have holiday trivia and a variety of games that we can play together.

December 15 at 4pm



February Drop-In Sessions:

Watercolor Newspaper Flowers

Use watercolors, a button, and ordinary old newspapers to create a colorful bouquet of flowers.

February 2 at 4pm

Watcha Reading?

Book lovers unite! Come find out what others are reading and how to easily find the next books to obsess over.

February 9 at 4pm

Slingshots and Boomerangs

Come one, come all - nothing is more fun than making paper slingshots and boomerangs and then using them to shoot down targets.

February 16 at 4pm

Draw in 3-D

Learn techniques to make really cool 3-D art that practically jumps off the page!

February 23 at 4pm



Elf School*

Do you have what it takes to be one of Santa's helpers and earn your elf diploma? Our Elf School will train you in all things "Elfish." Join us for a holly jolly good time as we sing, make elf headbands, create ornaments and gifts, decorate cookies, and play games. School has never been so much fun!

Ages 3-12

Thursday, December 8 at 6:30pm

New Year's Eve Party*

Let's get ready to ring in the New Year with silly dances, minute-it-to-win-it type games, a life-sized PAC-MAN game, party crafts, and other fun activities. The grand finale will be a balloon drop as we count-down to noon.

All Ages

Friday, December 30 at 11am

Rapunzel Engineers an Escape*

Rapunzel is ready to escape from her tower. Can you help? The library will provide the resources; you provide the imagination. We will help Rapunzel escape by building a zipline, a ladder, a pulley, a slide, and a catapult. In the end we will decide which method worked best. Bring your creativity!

Ages 3-10

Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30pm

Magic Tree House*

Explore the world with Jack and Annie. We will use lots of fun materials to make our own tree house models, go on a scavenger hunt, and play loads of games.

Ages 5-10

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm



ART IN THE AFTERNOON

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



Stained Glass Jars

Take an ordinary glass jar, tissue paper, and Mod Podge and create your own work of art – a stained glass jar that can be used for storage or as a gift.

Monday, December 5 at 4pm



Washi Tape Monogram

You will take the first letter of your name and use colorful strips of washi tape to design art that you can display in your room.

Monday, January 9 at 4pm



Snowflake Collage

We will use lots of different colors of tissue paper to make snowflakes that we will then layer to make a colorful collage.

Monday, February 13 at 4pm

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.



J is for Jingle Bells*

What begins with J? Jingle! We will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes all about the letter J. Children will visit interactive learning stations to play a magnetic jingle bell sorting game, count and sort bells, and play jingle bell tennis. Each child will make a bell ornament and paint the letter J.

Thursday, December 15 at 6:30pm



Q is for Quiet*

Can you be as quiet as a cricket? Silent as a sloth? Kids— quiet or not— are welcome to join us on a quest to learn about the letter Q. After reading and singing, we'll make a quail craft, identify quiet or loud sounds, spin with curly Qs, paint with Q-tips, and engage in learning through play.

Thursday, January 19 at 6:30pm



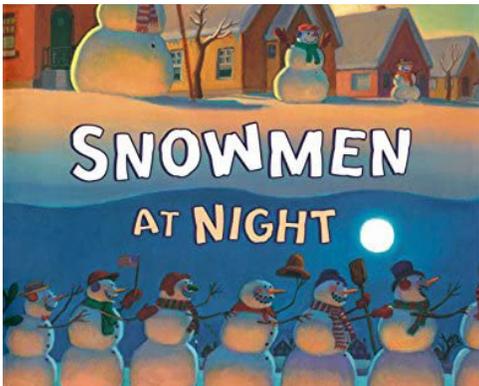
L is for Love*

Let's learn about the letter L! We will read stories about love, lions, and Lola. Children will play a letter matching game called "raining hearts," play leaping hearts, lace the letter L, sort the colored hearts, and go on an L scavenger hunt. Each child will make a letter L craft and a heart flower craft.

Thursday, February 23 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.



Snowmen at Night*

Have you ever wondered what snowmen do at night or how snowmen celebrate Christmas? We will read two books from Caralyn Buehner's Snowmen series. We will have snowman races, play in the snow, throw snowballs, and make snowman crafts. It is sure to be snow much fun!

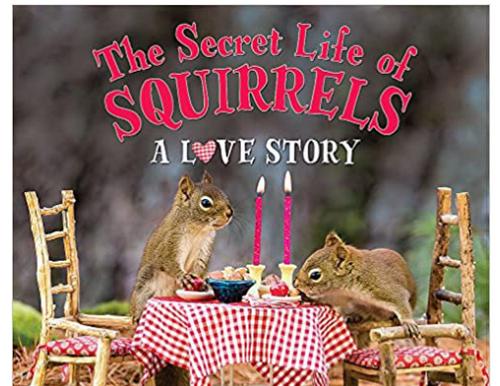
Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm



Tea Rex*

Cordelia is planning a very special tea party and the guest of honor is unusual - a Tyrannosaurus Rex! We will enjoy the story by Molly Idle along with other books about dinosaurs and tea parties. We will then play games, create dinosaur masks and puppets, decorate tea cups, and do a fun activity walk.

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm



The Secret Life of Squirrels: A Love Story*

Mr. Peanuts is a lonely little squirrel who wonders if he will ever find that special someone to love. We will read *The Secret Life of Squirrels: a Love Story*. We will dance, play Valentine games, and make bookmarks and nutty Valentines.

Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30pm

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.



M.C. Escher*

Learn about Dutch-born artist M.C. Escher and tessellation art. We will use colored pencils and stencils to draw holiday tessellations.

Wednesday, December 21 at 2pm

Michelangelo*

Learn about the life and art of Michelangelo, one of the greatest artists of all time. We will use paint and Plaster of Paris to make frescoes.

Wednesday, January 25 at 2pm

Thomas Cole*

Learn about the art of English-American painter Thomas Cole, known for landscape and history paintings. Students will make a landscape painting.

Wednesday, February 22 at 2pm

LET'S EXPLORE

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



Science of Hot Chocolate*

Join us for an evening of chocolatey fun while we experiment with hot chocolate! Children will learn how to make hot chocolate cloud dough, a marshmallow catapult, and hot chocolate slime. Then each child will paint with chocolate soap foam. Finally, we will take a break from learning and make a cocoa snack to enjoy at home!

Monday, January 16 at 6:30pm

JUST FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

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



Our Solar System*

Let's explore the solar system! We will learn about our sun and each planet and then make our own model solar system, as well as play games. Younger children will also engage in sensory play as they learn more about our solar system.

Wednesday, February 15 at 2pm

WEEKLY DROP-IN STORY TIMES

Fall Story Time ends December 16. Winter session starts January 3. Enjoy stories, songs, and movement together.

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

Family Story Time

Fun for the whole family!

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Preschool Story Time

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

Fridays at 10am

(except 12/16, 1/20, & 2/17)

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, December 19, January 23 & February 27 at 6:30pm

Music & Movement

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

Friday, December 16, January 20, & February 17 at 10am

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 12/16, 1/20, & 2/17)

Wednesdays at 7pm



Holiday Stories and More

Enjoy singing your favorite holiday songs and listening to some great seasonal stories. We will add in movements and various activities that will nurture each child's sense of curiosity and creativity.

Ages Birth - 6

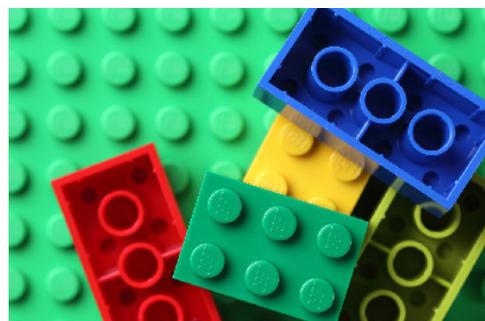
Tuesday, December 20 at 10am

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, December 10, January 14, & February 11 from 10:30am–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, December 1, January 12 & February 9 at 6:30pm

Special Edition LEGO® Club

Saturday, January 21 from 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, December 12, January 9 & February 13 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.

Virtual Gingerbread Decorating Contest

Celebrate the holidays and decorate your own gingerbread house!



contest guidelines

You may decorate your gingerbread house any way you like as long as it is appropriate for viewing by all ages and free of profanity or otherwise inappropriate content. Wadsworth Public Library reserves the right to decide what constitutes inappropriate content.

Photographs (limit of 2) of your entry must be emailed to childrens@wadsworthlibrary.com between December 1–16. All entries must include Name(s), Age Category, Title of Submission, and a short description of the submission.

All photos must be the original work of the entrants.

Age categories are broken down into Children (0–11 years), Teens (12–18), and Adults (19+).

Group projects must be placed in the category of the oldest participant. Please note that a team will compete for a single prize.

Photographs will be displayed on the WPL website and Facebook page between December 17–23 for voting. Each Facebook like will count as one vote. Votes tallied between Facebook and our website will determine the winner in each age category.

Winners will be announced and prizes will be available for pickup at the Library the following week.

Winners must be able to pick up their prize at the Wadsworth Public Library.

Owners retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their photograph displayed on the Library's website or social media without any fee or other form of compensation.

Wadsworth Public Library employees and their immediate family are able to enter but not eligible to win.

More information can be found at www.wadsworthlibrary.com/contests.

prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st Place in each age category (chosen by total votes combined from our website and Facebook page). Prizes for all age groups will be books and candy.





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The Wadsworth Public Library Foundation Board is a private board that was established to seek, receive, and administer gifts, bequests, and donations for the support and preservation of the Wadsworth Public Library, beyond regular contributions made by the taxpayer. The Foundation is excited about what is in store at the Library, and we are more encouraged than ever to be a part of something as truly magnificent as the Wadsworth Public Library.

This year will be my last as president of the Library Foundation Board, and it has been a tremendous experience. I am encouraged by how much our community supports the Wadsworth Library and am grateful for the time I spent making sure that the Library was able to provide awesome services and programs that help to enrich our town. Our board is positioned stronger than ever to continue serving the community and the Library, and we are all very excited about what is in store for the Library Foundation. We are planning new and exciting initiatives to try to build onto an already stellar programming lineup and are planning new events to help support the Library. Every cent that is contributed to our Foundation goes a long way toward helping the Library, and I hope that you can continue to contribute in any way that you can to keep the Library a wonderful place.

We truly appreciate the contributions and donations that have been made and would encourage anyone reading this to consider donating to the Wadsworth Public Library Foundation to aid us in ensuring that the Library continues to be able to serve our community so well.

Sincerely,

Joel Cavanaugh
President
Wadsworth Public Library Foundation

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Wadsworth Public Library Foundation

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As I type this letter, our Fall Bargain Basement Book Sale is in full swing! Each Friends of the Library book sale brings great value to both our community and to the library itself. Visitors to the sale have the opportunity to shop a wide variety of books, CDs, and DVDs, all generously donated, while helping to raise funds that benefit our wonderful Library. It's a tradition that's been going on for years and one that I hope, and expect, will continue for many, many more. If you've visited the sale, I hope you found it fun and fruitful. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to visit one of our sales, your next chance will be in April 2023. Keep an eye out for dates!

When we're not hosting a sale, you can peruse our books-by-donation section of the library, which is located to your left just after you walk through the lobby area. It features a wide variety of books, CDs, magazines, and more. Simply choose whichever items you would like to keep and donate what you can. Our volunteers do an amazing job keeping this area stocked year round, and often it's curated to reflect holidays, special times of the year, and other themes. Please stop in often to see what new items have been added.

Please consider joining us at the Library on December 14 at 7pm for our annual membership meeting. At this meeting we will be accepting nominations and voting for 2023 board members. All members who are current on their dues are eligible to vote. If you'd like to join the Friends of the Library please complete the *newly updated membership application* below. If you'd like more information regarding volunteer opportunities with the friends, including open board positions and responsibilities, please contact us at friends@wadsworthlibrary.com. Additionally if you have a large donation, please contact the library or email us at friends@wadsworthlibrary.com. Smaller donations may always be dropped off at the library. We greatly appreciate your continued support!

With Respect,

David Bartiromo
President
Friends of the Wadsworth Library

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

I wish to be contacted about volunteer opportunities

Please select your membership option:

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Individual Membership (\$5/year):	
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Library Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9 AM–9 PM
Friday*–Saturday: 9 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 1–5 PM

*First Friday Hours

WPL will be open until 9 PM on the
First Friday of every month

Library Closing Dates

Christmas
Saturday, December 24
Sunday, December 25

New Year's
Saturday, December 31
Sunday, January 1

President's Day
Monday, February 20

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