



Wadsworth Public Library

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letter from the director

Dear Neighbors,

We hope students have had a great start to the new school year. When class returns to session our outreach efforts to local schools, preschools and daycare facilities ramp up with reading materials, book clubs, class visits and other services to support the academic success of students of all ages and abilities. Many children encounter Wadsworth Public Library for the first time through our outreach activities. If you've not yet visited with your child, please consider stopping in to browse our collections, to play in our early literacy play area, or to attend one of our many fun and engaging programs for children ages birth to young adulthood. Our celebrated children's services and programs are a testament to the efforts of our committed team.

Speaking of that team, we are celebrating with mixed emotions the retirement of two deeply dedicated staff members who have served children and their families at WPL for a combined total of 41 years. Donna Gnatowski and Loretta Sussman have watched countless children grow from wiggly toddlers at story time to parents sharing the joy of library visits with their own children. We are so very grateful for all they have done to serve our community's little ones and their families over so many, literally storied, years. Please join us on Monday, December 4, 2023, from 6 until 8 pm, to thank Donna and Loretta and to wish them a happy, well-deserved retirement. Light refreshments will be served.

This winter season we have planned a growing mix of new programs from additional technology training, English language learning, and a wide variety of presentations to book clubs for adults and patrons of all ages.

From all of the WPL team, we wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,



Daniel Slife

JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT RECEPTION HONORING

Loretta Sussman & Donna Gnatowski



Monday, December 4, 6-8pm

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

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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 - 10. 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 Facebook page between December 11 - 17 for voting. Each Facebook "like" will count as one vote. The house with the highest number of "likes" in each age category will be the winner.

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

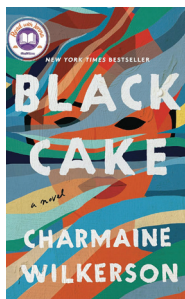
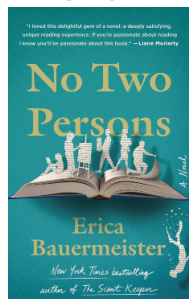
Prizes will be awarded for 1st Place in each age category (chosen by total number of "likes" on the WPL Facebook page). Prizes for all age groups will be books and candy.



*=registration required

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.



No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister

Bauermeister shares the unexpected ways in which one special book transforms its readers' lives. As the novel-within-the-novel passes through the hands of a vast array of people it acts as a guide for the lost, serving in different manners for different readers.

Wednesday, December 6 at 7pm

Hamnet* by Emilia Hart

Set in Stratford, England, in the late 16th century, Hamnet imagines the emotional, domestic, and artistic repercussions after the world's most famous (though never named) playwright and his wife lose their only son, 11-year-old Hamnet, to the bubonic plague in 1596.

Wednesday, January 3 at 7pm

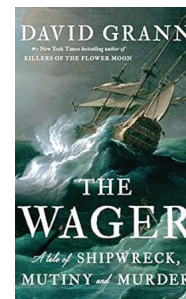
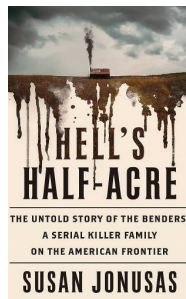
Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

In this moving debut novel, two estranged siblings must set aside their differences to deal with their mother's death and her hidden past—a journey of discovery that takes them from the Caribbean to London to California and ends with her famous black cake.

Wednesday, February 7 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.



Hell's Half Acre* by Susan Jonusas

In 1873 a grisly discovery was made. Buried by a cabin beneath an orchard of apple trees were the remains of countless bodies. Below the cabin itself was a cellar stained with blood. The family of four who once resided on the property were nowhere to be found.

Monday, December 11 at 7pm

Little, Crazy Children* by James Renner

In September of 1990, in the Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights, sixteen-year-old Lisa Pruett, a poetry lover and member of a church youth group, was on her way to a midnight tryst with her boyfriend when she was viciously stabbed to death only thirty feet from the boy's home.

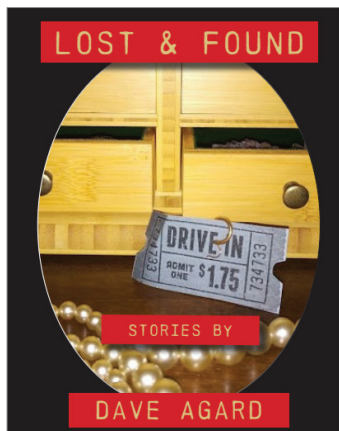
Monday, January 8 at 7pm

The Wager* by David Grann

A new account of the *Wager* mutiny, in which a shipwrecked and starving British naval crew abandoned their captain on a desolate Patagonian island, emphasizes the extreme hardships routinely faced by eighteenth-century seafarers as well as the historical resonance of the dramatic 1741 event.

Monday, February 12 at 7pm

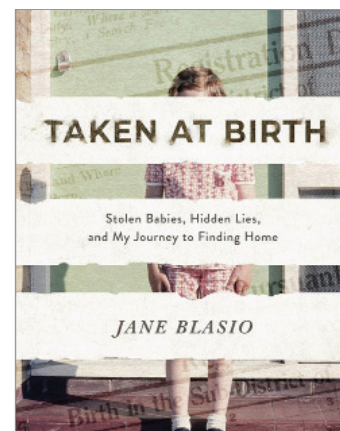
local author visits



Lost & Found: Stories by Dave Agard

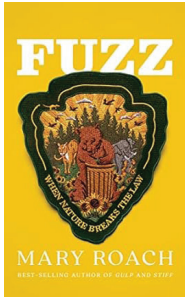
Author Dave Agard's collection of stories explores the impact of war on various lives. As the stories unfold you'll meet several veterans as well as parents, children, and spouses of those who served our country and learn how war ripples through society like seismic waves.

Monday, December 18 at 7pm



REAL READS

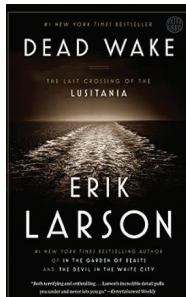
This group discusses all kinds of non-fiction books, including books about science, history, memoirs, and everything in between.



Fuzz* by Mary Roach

Nature is not subject to humanity's rules—so what can be done about a jaywalking moose or a bear caught breaking and entering? *Fuzz* explores the many surprising ways in which plants and animals stir up trouble and humans' creative (and often quirky) solutions.

Thursday, December 21 at 7pm



Dead Wake* by Erik Larson

World War I raged on in its tenth month as the record-breaking steamliner *Lusitania* made its way across the Atlantic with nearly 2,000 civilian passengers in tow. This story chronicles the ship's final journey as it is caught in the crosshairs of war, experiencing the lethal consequences of early submarine warfare.

Thursday, January 18 at 7pm



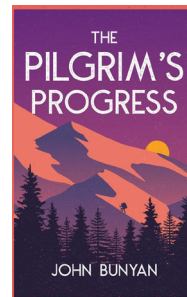
Maid* by Stephanie Land

In her heart-wrenching memoir, Land ruminates on her experience as a young, single mother turned homeless, as she relies on the grueling work of housekeeping to make ends meet. Land perseveres, often teetering on the edge of survival, fueled by dreams of a better life for herself and her daughter.

Thursday, February 15 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.



The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan

A timeless allegory that follows Christian's journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Filled with allegorical characters and obstacles, it explores the Christian life's trials, triumphs, and the enduring quest for spiritual salvation. A classic in Christian literature.

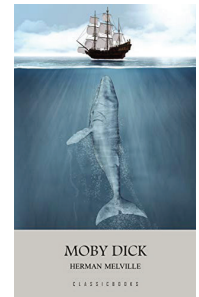
Monday, December 18 at 7pm



Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice is a witty and enduring classic that navigates the societal intricacies of early 19th-century England. Elizabeth Bennet's spirited journey through love, class, and personal growth unfolds in a tale of wit, romance, and the timeless pursuit of true happiness amid societal expectations.

Monday, January 29 at 7pm



Moby Dick* by Herman Melville

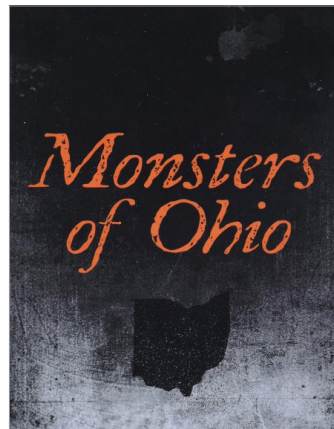
Join us as we dive into the epic tale of Captain Ahab's obsessive quest for revenge against the elusive white whale, Moby Dick. Melville's exploration of obsession, fate, and the power of nature unfolds against the vast backdrop of the sea, creating a literary masterpiece that delves into the human psyche.

Monday, February 26 at 7pm

Taken at Birth by Jane Blasio

From the 1940s through the 1960s, young pregnant women entered the front door of a clinic in a small North Georgia town. Sometimes their babies exited out the back, sold to northern couples who were desperate to hold a newborn in their arms. But these weren't adoptions—they were transactions. Author Jane Blasio was one of those babies.

Thursday, January 25 at 7pm



Monsters of Ohio by JC Rafael

A large prehistoric serpent that makes its home in Lake Erie. A titanic hairy humanoid with glowing orange eyes who spies on any teenagers brave enough to park near its lovers' lane home. A giant owl the size of a tree so adept at camouflage it can practically disappear. Learn about these and more Buckeye State born monsters from author JC Rafael.

Monday, February 5 at 7pm



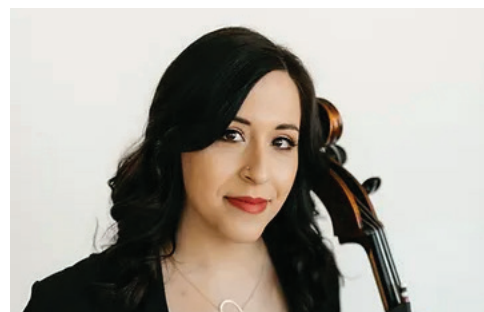
Emily Aleta Dorland and Duane Carlson

Wadsworth-based vocalist Emily Aleta Dorland and Akron-based pianist Duane Carlson will take you through a musical journey celebrating the most wonderful time of the year while honoring many cultures through the power of music.
Sunday, December 10 at 2pm



NEO5 Brass Quintet

Join us for a program sure to brighten your day with the NEO5 Brass Quintet. The group consists of members from the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Pops, and Akron and Canton Symphonies, each with an impressive musical pedigree.
Sunday, January 14 at 2pm



Olivia Polash

Composers often look to Bach's famous Solo Cello Suites for inspiration to write new, self-accompanying music for solo instruments. Olivia will present a sampling from the original cello suites, as well as some more contemporary examples of Bach's influence.
Sunday, February 11 at 2pm

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.



Christmas in Connecticut*

In the classic film enjoy a delightful holiday comedy filled with mistaken identities, culinary mishaps, and romantic escapades. Barbara Stanwyck stars as a food writer forced to host a perfect Christmas, despite her lack of skills. This charming film delivers laughter and holiday spirit.

Monday, December 4 at 1pm

Champions*

Experience a heartwarming journey of redemption and triumph. Woody Harrelson plays a basketball coach who finds purpose in mentoring a team of diverse, special-needs athletes. This inspiring and uplifting story showcases the power of teamwork, inclusivity, and the human spirit.

Monday, January 8 at 1pm

Cyrano*

Witness a timeless tale of love and sacrifice with a modern twist. A poetic soul, Cyrano uses his words to woo Roxanne on behalf of another, leading to a heart-wrenching story of unrequited love.

Monday, February 12 at 1pm

wadsworth area historical society

The History of Chippewa Lake

Dive into the rich tapestry of Chippewa Lake's history with our captivating program. Explore the tales of pioneering settlers, the rise of the amusement park era, and the lake's enduring legacy. Immerse yourself in a journey through time, uncovering the secrets and stories of this cherished community.

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30pm

* There will be no meeting in January 2024. Visit the WPL online events calendar for the program title and details of the February 14 meeting.





Ghosts of Christmas Past

Enjoy a true Victorian holiday season and explore the ghosts and folklore that shaped 19th century holidays in Cleveland. Whether you view them as creepy superstitions or tales with hidden wisdom, these stories are made to entertain and will leave you looking at holiday traditions in a whole new way.

Monday, December 4 at 6:30pm

Green Cleaning

Cleaning products are necessary to maintaining a clean and healthy home. However, some products are not always safe for your family, pets, or the environment. Join Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District to learn new DIY green cleaning methods to use around your home.

Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm

Got Seeds? Seed Starting Basics

Thinking about planting a garden this year? This program will cover some seed-starting basics. Two methods will be presented by volunteers from Wadsworth Community Gardens: indoors under artificial light and outdoors in homemade mini-greenhouses, known as winter sowing. Starting your own plants from seed can help save costs and open up many more options for plant varieties that may not be available locally.

Saturday, January 13 at 1pm



New Year, New You!*

It's time to reset your healthy habits! Over the holidays, our healthy habits tend to slip away. Join us and learn how to live a healthy lifestyle forever! So many shiny new fad diets and programs promise quick results. The truth is that there are specific personal habits that help us achieve the success we want while creating a lifestyle of well being.

Monday, January 22 at 6:30pm

The Iditarod: The Last Great Race

Learn all about the "Last Great Race on Earth," the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, with local Iditarod enthusiast Eleanor Csizmadia. Eleanor will share photographs and videos, fun facts, race history, and discuss her own experiences braving Alaska's sub-zero temperatures. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, January 24 at 7pm

Violins of Hope

Professor Daniel Levin shares the true story of Amnon Weinstein, the Tel Avivian master luthier, who restores violins that survived the Holocaust, even as many of their owners did not. Discover how Amnon transformed tragedy into triumph in the most incisive and powerful way imaginable: bringing violins of the Holocaust back to life.

Thursday, February 8 at 7pm



Understanding Common Drug Interactions

Medicines help us feel better and stay healthy. But drug interactions can cause problems by reducing or increasing the action of a medicine or causing adverse side effects. Learn about some common drug interactions and how to avoid unwanted outcomes in this informative presentation.

Thursday, February 22 at 7pm

NE Ohio's Total Solar Eclipse

Join us for an illuminating presentation on Northeast Ohio's upcoming event – a total solar eclipse! Discover the science, optimal viewing spots, and the rare spectacle's impact on the region. Be prepared to witness nature's grandeur in a once-in-a-lifetime event that promises to awe and inspire.

Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm

hands-on activities

DIY Christmas Ornaments*

Decorating the Christmas tree is a beloved tradition, and it's even better with homemade ornaments! Learn to make 3 different ornaments that you can put on your tree or give as gifts this holiday season.

Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm

Cat Castles*

Turn your leftover cardboard boxes into "paw-some" playhouses for your feline friends! With simple instructions and basic materials, we'll make structures your cats will love. Feel free to bring your own boxes, but, we will have lots of boxes and other materials to spark your creativity.

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30pm

Resume Writing 101*

Learn how to craft a compelling resume that highlights your skills and achievements, making a lasting impression on employers. Get noticed and land your dream job with guidance from Library staff.

Thursday, February 29 at 7pm

Writing Workshop*

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. Patrons are encouraged to bring their material and be ready to jump into the discussion.

Thursday, December 7, January 4 & February 1 at 7pm

Less Stress Chess: Chess Club

Checkmate boredom and make strategic moves with our Adult Chess Club at the library. Join fellow enthusiasts for engaging games, improve your skills, and enjoy a social atmosphere. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, sharpen your mind and have fun.

Wednesday, December 27, January 31 & February 28 at 6:30pm

Genealogy Club

Join our Genealogy Club at the library and embark on a journey to uncover your family's history. Connect with fellow enthusiasts, access valuable resources, and learn expert research techniques. Discover your roots and preserve your family's unique story with our supportive community.

Tuesday, January 9 & February 13 at 2pm

technology assistance



Tech Tuesdays: Drop in Device Help

Drop in and conquer your digital dilemmas at the Library! Tech Tuesdays are your solution to tech troubles! Swing by 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, December 5, January 16, and February 27 from 3-4pm

Resources to Develop Computer Skills*

Explore a vast collection of online courses, books, and tutorials designed to enhance your computer skills. Empower yourself with the knowledge needed to succeed in today's tech-driven world.

Thursday, December 14 at 7pm

Parental Controls: How to Keep Your Child Safe*

Gain essential knowledge and tools to create a safe digital environment. Learn about filtering, monitoring, and setting boundaries, ensuring your child's online experiences are secure and age-appropriate.

Thursday, January 11 at 7pm

Learn Basic Computer Skills*

Unlock the digital world with our Basic Computer Skills Program. From navigating operating systems to sending emails and browsing the internet, we will provide step-by-step guidance and help you be more confident and competent using a computer.

Monday, February 5 at 7pm



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, activities, and conversation.

December's Topic: Winter Weather

Tuesday, December 5 at 4pm [for students ages 9-14]

Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm [for families]

January's Topic: Grocery Stores & Restaurants

Tuesday, January 9 at 4pm [for students ages 9-14]

Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm [for families]

February's Topic: American Money

Tuesday, February 6 at 4 pm [for students ages 9-14]

Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 pm [for families]

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, December 7 at 6:30pm

Thursday, January 25 at 6:30pm

Thursday, February 29 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.



A Visit From Jack Frost*

Jack Frost can be a bit mischievous and likes to play tricks. He visited the library and left his frosty marks on our walls and windows. He may even have frozen the door shut. Come wearing your warmest thinking caps, ponder the frigid puzzles, and Break Out of Jack Frost's Freeze!

Tuesday, January 16 at 4pm

Please register the number of people that will be attending.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Snowy Scavenger Hunt

Come in out of the cold and search for some snowy characters during the month of December. Find all of the pictures in the Children's Department to earn a special sticker.

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, December 2 from 1-4pm

Saturday, February 3 from 1-4pm

ACT Exam Review*

Are you preparing to take the ACT? 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. This program is best suited for those who have never taken the ACT.

Tuesday, January 30 at 4pm

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.

Library Help

Help to prepare crafts for upcoming library programs.

Saturday, January 27 at 1pm



Animal Shelter Help

Make dog toys for a local animal shelter.

Saturday, February 24 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!



Christmas at the Burrow*

Join the festivities at the Burrow as the Weasleys get ready for Christmas. Harry Potter fans can design a garden gnome tree topper, decorate an ornament, and make a knitted gift to give away just like Molly Weasley.

Wednesday, December 6 at 4pm

Magical Minute-To-Win-It*

Come and compete with your friends as we play some fast-paced Harry Potter games. See if you can beat the competition in Cornish Pixie Pick Up, Speed Pictionary, and a simplified version of Quidditch. Teams will also take part in a relay to re-pot Professor Sprout's mandrakes.

Wednesday, January 3 at 4pm

Defense Against the Dark Arts*

This month we'll put together a flip book of DADA professors and play games based on the various Dark Arts teachers. Students will race to unwrap Quirrell's headpiece, look for Lockhart in a scavenger hunt, and whip up some Wolfsbane potion for Lupin.

Wednesday, February 7 at 4pm

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.



December Sessions

Amazing Library Race

Are you good at solving puzzles? Like competitions? You will compete with others in an amazing race around the Dewey Decimal System. The team with the most points wins!

Thursday, December 7 at 4pm

Giant Stars

There is so much you can do with a simple paper bag and making a giant star is one of them! They are super cool looking and just require a little cutting and a glue gun. Great for room or holiday decor, too!

Thursday, December 14 at 4pm

Candy Cane Olympics

Come compete in an hour full of games. The one thing they all have in common? They all involve candy canes! Yum!

Thursday, December 21 at 4pm



January Sessions

Sink or Float: Titanic Edition

Come find out interesting facts about the famous *Titanic*, try to build your own boat that floats, and play the library version of shuffleboard, an ocean liner classic.

Thursday, January 4 at 4pm

Arcade Electronics

Love snap circuits? This hour will be spent fiddling with arcade-themed snap circuits (make things whirl and twirl!) and other things that say arcade.

Thursday, January 11 at 4pm

Aurora Borealis Art

Aurora borealis is a fancy name for the northern lights, a beautiful display of dancing colorful lights in the night sky. We will learn about this interesting phenomenon and create our own colorful painting.

Thursday, January 18 at 4pm

Hot Cocoa Hour

Come to the library and enjoy a nice, steaming cup of hot cocoa and relax while Miss Laurie reads the first chapter of books that are known for their attention grabbing first liners! You can simply chill or doodle while you listen.

Thursday, January 25 at 4pm



February Sessions

All Things Playing Cards

Bring your A-game! We will play competitive card games, have a contest to see who can build the tallest card house, and more.

Thursday, February 1 at 4pm

Book Trivia and Games

Enjoy trivia about *The Wings of Fire* series, books by Raina Telgemeier, and other series you love. We will also play some favorite book-themed games.

Thursday, February 8 at 4pm

Pop-Up Puppet in a Cup

Make your own easy pop-up puppet. We'll use a cup, scraps of fabric, and a glue gun to make it all come together.

Thursday, February 15 at 4pm

Newton's Cradle

What do you get when you combine craft sticks, hot glue, marbles, and string? A cool fidgety-type contraption called Newton's Cradle.

Thursday, February 22 at 4pm

Blindfolded Scribble Art

Turn your scribbles into pieces of art! But here's the twist: we'll try it blindfolded with music as inspiration.

Thursday, February 29 at 4pm



Polar Express Party*

Hop aboard the *Polar Express*! We will read the classic story by Chris Van Allsburg while sipping cocoa and nibbling on cookies. We will also make Christmas ornament crafts, play Snowball Skee-ball, and other holiday games. Wear your pajamas for some extra fun!

Monday, December 11 or Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm

Ages 3-12

New Year's Party*

Let's ring in the new year with kid-friendly games and crafts. We will create a story together, sing and dance, make New Year's crowns and party poppers, play giant Connect 4 and a golfing game, color a giant coloring page and more. At noon we will celebrate with a balloon drop!

Saturday, December 30 at 11am

All Ages

Mother Daughter Tea Party*

It's time for tea! Dress your best and bring Mom, Grandma, or a special friend to enjoy tea time together. We will read stories, play cupcake bingo, and decorate a hat to wear. There will be a photo station and some tasty treats. Please indicate the number of children participating when signing up for this program.

Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30pm

Ages 3-12



Mario Party*

Ready! Set! GO! Time to celebrate all things Mario with fun activities and crafts. Our Mario Party will feature some real-life Mario mini games where you will hunt for Yoshi's eggs, send fireballs flaming at Bowser, and stomp Goombas. Let's-a go to the library!!

Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30pm

Ages 3-12

ART IN THE AFTERNOON

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



Rose Window Stained Glass

Rose windows are beautiful stained glass windows often found in Gothic architecture. Today we will fold and cut our own rose window and then use tissue paper to add color.

Monday, December 18 at 4pm



3D Snowman

Let's decorate for winter! We will make a three-dimensional snowman using paper, paint, and a little bit of paper folding.

Monday, January 8 at 4pm



Abstract Heart Art

We heart ART! Join us for a Kandinsky-inspired heart art project to celebrate love this February. We will be using watercolors to create a piece of abstract art.

Monday, February 5 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.



E is for Elf*

Join us for a holly jolly good time as we learn all about elves and the letter E! We will read books about elves and spread cheer by singing loud for all to hear! We will create elf crafts, play elf games, and go on a candy cane hunt! And don't forget to take an "elfie" before you go!

Thursday, December 21 at 6:30pm



M is for Marshmallows*

Puffy & fluffy or ooey & gooey, marshmallows are fun to eat! To learn about the letter M, kids will spell with mini mallows, play with marshmallow dough, and do some marshmallow math after our stories and songs. We'll also have a mug craft and a marshmallow snack for kids to make.

Thursday, January 18 at 6:30pm



U is for Unicorn*

Join us for the ultimate celebration of that unique mystical animal, the unicorn and the letter U. Come listen to some unforgettable unicorn stories, participate in a unicorn relay race, practice letter making with some unicorn sparkle playdough, and create some unicorn crafts. We are going to have an unbelievable amount of unicorn fun!

Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm

EXPLORASTORY

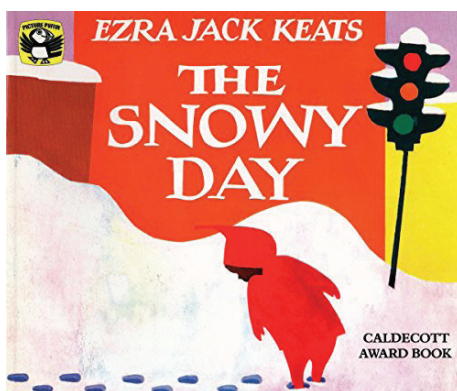
Exploring is what young minds do best! Join us for a monthly program that encourages learning and discovery. We will explore a topic with stories, games, and hands-on fun! Ages 2-6.



Tough Cookie: A Christmas Story*

Fox and Cookie are both in for a big surprise when Fox catches Cookie! After reading *Tough Cookie* and other Christmas cookie books, we will make salt dough ornaments, dress up a gingerbread man, decorate sugar cookies, and make a handprint Santa and a colorful Christmas tree.

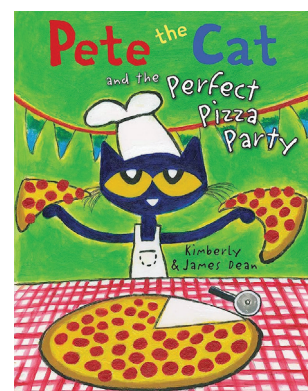
Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm



The Snowy Day*

Let's spend a snowy evening together as we explore Ezra Jack Keats' classic tale. We will have all kinds of frigid fun making snowflakes out of marshmallows, painting snow scenes with Q-tips and playing snow themed games. We will dance and sing and even throw a few snowballs!

Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm



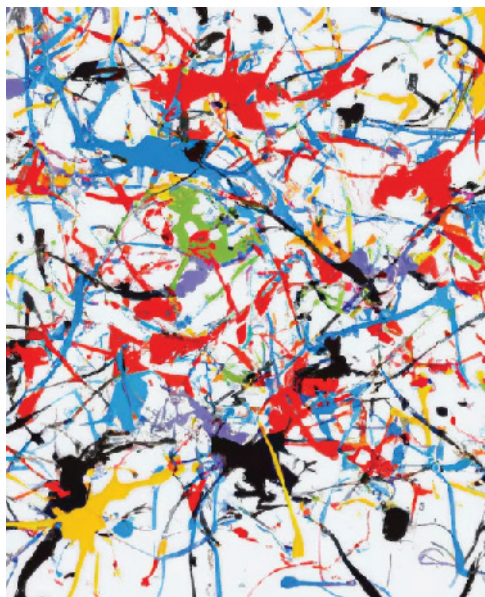
Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party*

What could be more fun than pizza activities with Pete the Cat? Children will enjoy some pizza-themed playtime while also building their own pizza craft and topping pizzas with playdough. They might even become part of a pizza themselves!

Tuesday, February 13 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.



Lois Ehlert*

Picture book artist Lois Ehlert created art for many well-loved picture books. Her books present illustrations using found objects, fabrics and cut outs that are unique to her style. We will learn about her life and art and then use collage techniques to make our own illustration.

Wednesday, December 20 at 2pm

Jackson Pollock*

We will learn about the art of American abstract painter, Jackson Pollock. Students will make a winter scene using a splatter paint method.

Wednesday, January 24 at 2pm

Henri Matisse*

We will learn about French draftsman, printmaker, and sculptor, Henri Matisse. He was best known for his paintings. Students will make a three-dimensional vase using a collage technique.

Wednesday, February 28 at 2pm

LET'S EXPLORE

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



The Science of Music*

One of the most basic building blocks of music is the "beat" or pulse of the music. We will explore the way music is put together, the difference between beat and rhythm, play a steady-beat game, learn to reproduce some simple rhythms, and grow our own musical skills when we learn to play along to the steady beat we find in a well known piece of music.

Monday, January 15 at 6:30pm

JUST FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

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



Get Back to Beethoven!*

Come join us as we do a deep dive into the music of Ludwig van Beethoven. His influence continues today, more than 190 years after his death. We will talk about what makes his work special as well as learn some information about his life and the times he lived in.

Wednesday, February 7 at 2pm

WEEKLY DROP-IN STORY TIMES

Enjoy stories, songs, and movement together. Fall Story Times end December 15. Winter Story Times start January 2.

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, grab a stuffed animal, and head to the Library for a pajama story time! For all ages.
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Preschool Story Time

For you and your 3- to 5-year-old child.
Fridays at 10am
(except 12/15, 1/19, and 2/16)

Music & Movement

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

Friday, December 15, January 19, February 16 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

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 19 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, December 18, January 22, February 26 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, December 9, January 13, February 10 at 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 14, January 11, February 8 at 6:30pm

Special Edition LEGO® Club

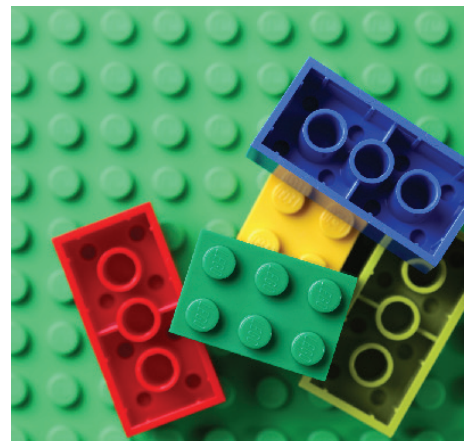
Saturday, January 20 at 10:30am - 12pm

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, January 8 & February 12 at 6:30pm



reading challenges

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 1,000 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.

LET US FIX IT AT THE WPL REPAIR CAFÉ



Do you have any broken items such as clothes, furniture, electronics, jewelry, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, or toys that would be still useful if repaired? We are excited to announce our upcoming community-driven initiative, set to launch this coming Spring 2024, which focuses on reducing waste and promoting sustainability. This initiative will allow individuals to drop off their broken items for assessment by skilled volunteers who will attempt to repair them. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming Repair Café events and consider volunteering if you possess repair skills.

REPAIR CAFE

CELEBRATE NE OHIO'S TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

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.

On Monday, April 8, 2024, people within a 124-mile-wide band in the state of Ohio—including Wadsworth—will experience a total solar eclipse. This means we will be in the path where the moon will completely block out the sun for nearly 3 minutes.

Events* leading up to the Solar Eclipse Include:

- Make Your Own Solar Eclipse Glasses
- Learn from Astronomy Experts
- STEAM Activities
- Solar-Eclipse-Themed Crafts for Adults and Kids

Check out the upcoming WPL Spring 2024 Program Guide or the WPL online events calendar for more information.

*Anyone attending WPL solar eclipse events will receive one free pair of solar eclipse glasses.





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- educational programs for all ages
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of the Wadsworth Public Library

Greetings Wadsworth!

As I type this letter the Friends are readying the sale room for the upcoming Fall Bargain Basement Book Sale. As you read this letter, the sale has long been concluded and it was a smashing success! (At least that's what we hope!) Thanks to such a generous community, we are able to host this event twice a year and we're already starting to prepare for the next sale in April of 2024. Donations are always welcome.

The Friends of the Wadsworth Library Board is composed 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, we'd love for you to become a part of our core volunteer group and help shape the future leadership of the Friends. Please consider attending a meeting to learn more about how you can help. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 PM in the library (with the exception of December, when we meet on the second Wednesday). (No meetings in June, July or August.) You may also contact us at friends@wadsworthlibrary.com for more information.

On behalf of the entire Friends of the Wadsworth Library organization, we wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

With Respect,

David Bartiromo
President
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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:
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132 Broad Street, Wadsworth OH 44281

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

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Christmas

Sunday, December 24
Monday, December 25

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Monday, February 19

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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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