

1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Lillian Hartschuh, daughter of Jacob and Dawn Hartschuh, has completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Upper Sandusky Community Library. Lillian started the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on January 2, 2019 and reached the goal on December 29, 2022. She and her younger brother, Micah, come to the library quite often to check out a big pile of books and to attend Storytime. Several things Lillian likes are making apple soup at her kitchen set, swinging, and jumping on her trampoline. Her favorite food is spaghetti and she likes the colors pink and purple. She will be starting kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year.



Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate. Each child will receive a log to record the books with incentives being given along the way. As you read to your children, they will form a link between books and what they love most – your voice and your closeness.

Miss Jill

Storytime with Miss Jill

Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 0-3):

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6):

Monday 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

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Where Did Mo Go?

Mo Willems and all his character pals are visiting the library for his birthday...but we can't seem to find him! We need your help to

search all over the library to bring Mo back for his birthday celebration. Return to the front desk and let us know where he is and receive a present of your own!

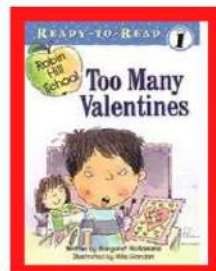
If you love to walk...

Celebrate your love of reading and walking as Storywalk continues this month with Margaret McNamara's *Too Many Valentines*.

Everyone at Robin Hill School is looking forward to Valentine's Day. Everyone except Neil. He thinks valentines are silly. But on the big day, when Neil doesn't get any valentines at school, he's not sure they're so silly after all!

Before you begin your walk, stop at the front desk and pick up a Coded Tales sheet.

As you walk from business to business, reading pages of this month's book, be sure to write down the code letter located at each stop. When you finish the story, you should have spelled out a special message that you can bring back to the library's front desk to receive a prize!

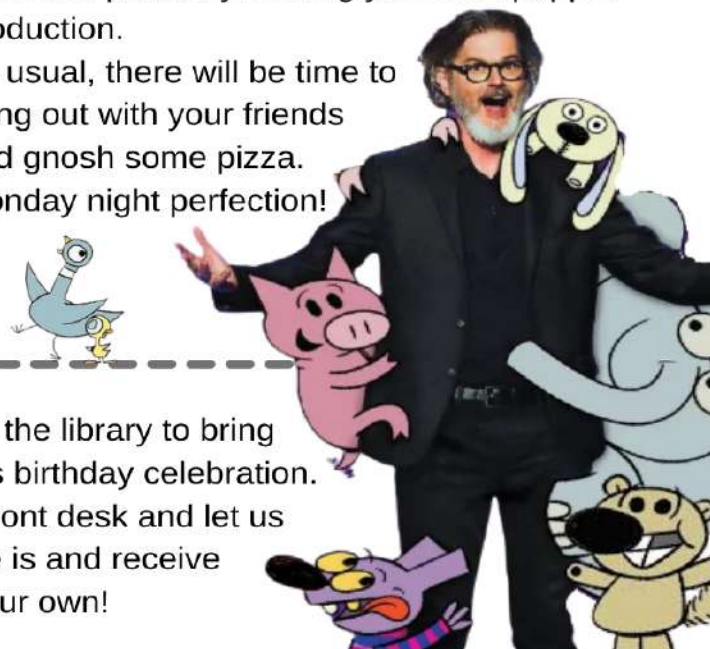


STEAMPunks

Calling all STEAMPunks. It's time to create! This month, join Miss Lisa on February 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the library board room to make puppets using author/illustrator Mo Willems' beloved characters as inspiration. When your artistic expressions are complete, make Mo proud by making your own puppet production.

As usual, there will be time to hang out with your friends and gnosh some pizza.

Monday night perfection!



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COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



February Events

- 1st: New Storywalk
- 2nd: Book Talk
- 3rd: Last day for Winter Reading Program
- 6th: Sweet Seasons
- 9th: Craft Party
- 13th: Creative Cards
- 20th: CLOSED for Presidents' Day
- 21st: Common Readers
- 22nd: Inglorious Bookworms
- 23rd: Alzheimer's: Healthy Brain and Body
- 25th: Jigsaw Puzzle Contest Session 2
- 27th: Lunch Bunch

How Sweet It Is!

What would Valentine's Day be without candy? On February 6th at 6:00 p.m., meet our local candy expert! Colleen Clark from Sweet Seasons candy store will be visiting USCL to share her passion for vintage candy and how her store came to be.

Sweet Seasons is located in uptown Upper Sandusky and, although its primary focus is candy, it offers other items such as teas, handmade hats



and cards, and honey products from Robees Apiary in Dunkirk.

There will be a candy guessing game and giveaways so mark your calendar for this sweet night out!



Ready...set...print!

USCL is pleased to announce that we are now taking requests from the public to print items on the Dremel 3D printer!

How to request a 3D Print*:

- Make sure you have a library card from USCL or another SEO consortium library.
- Find a design: Choose a free ready-to-print design from thingiverse.com or create your own design through tinkercad.com
- Download the design as an .stl file and either save to a flash drive or email to uscl@seolibraries.org with a subject line: 3D printing request.
- Complete a 3D Printing Request Form and submit it with your flash drive or email. We will contact you with a cost estimate and wait time. You will then approve the quote.
- USCL will contact you when your print job is complete!

*Complete 3D Printing Policy and Procedures are available upon request.



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Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Join Krystal on February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs meeting room to take part in this genre-focused book club. This month, they will be discussing the Science Fiction genre and Becky Chambers' book *A Psalm for the Wild-Built*.

It's been centuries since the robots of Panga gained self-awareness, laid down their tools and wandered, en masse, into the wilderness never to be seen again. One day, the life of a tea monk is upended by the arrival of a robot, there to honor the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question of "what do people need?" is answered. But the answer to that question depends on who you ask...and how.



Jigsaw Puzzle Winners!

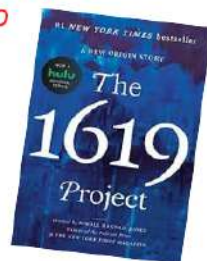
Congratulations to winners Margot Lemons and Kristen Lichtle, both from Findlay, OH. They finished the 500-piece puzzle in 66 minutes!



COMMON READERS

Join the Common Readers February 21st @ 6:30 p.m. to discuss this month's featured book, *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones. Copies of this book are available at the front desk and is available for download on Libby.

This book weaves together eighteen essays that explore the legacy of slavery in present-day America with thirty-six poems and works of fiction that illuminate key moments of oppression, struggle, and resistance. The essays show how the inheritance of 1619 reaches into every part of contemporary American society, from politics, music, diet, and citizenship to capitalism, religion, and our democracy itself...



Express Yourself!

USCL is looking for local artists interested in displaying their artwork in the library in March for Makers' Month.

All types of artwork will be accepted, from paintings and pottery to textiles, paper crafting, and more. You can bring in your item to display February 13th-25th. The art will be displayed throughout the library March 1st-25th. Artists will be able to pick up their artwork March 25-31.

The library reserves the right to choose what will be displayed. Artwork of an explicit nature will not be accepted.

Craft Party Returns

February is the perfect month to tap into your artistic flair. On February 9th at 6:00 p.m., Rachel has invited Lisa Andres back to demonstrate step-by-step how to paint a vivid winter scene on canvas. Whether you are an experienced painter or a novice dabbler, you are sure to have a creative and entertaining evening with other makers just like you!

Supplies and snacks are provided and registration is necessary for attendance. Call or stop in to register beginning January 30th. *Adults only, please.*



Creative Cards

If you love to create and share your love and encouragement with hand-made cards, be sure to register for USCL's Creative Cards class on Monday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room.



Joy Wilson is back and excited to show you how to make a custom valentine and birthday card.

You'll leave this class with valuable paper crafting knowledge and two unique cards to present to special people in your life. Registration begins on February 1st and is required for attendance. *Adults only, please.*

Healthy Living for Brain and Body

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how lifestyle choices may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age.

Join The Alzheimer's Association on February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

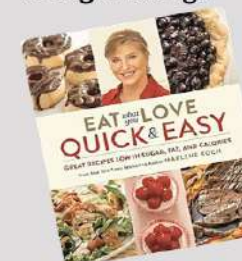
Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, February 27th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch where friends gather to share a meal and recipes. Bring a dish to share featuring this month's theme of "Anything Red."

Everyday Marinara Sauce

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 medium white onion, chopped (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced, or 1Tbsp. jarred
- 1/2 cup dry red wine or beef broth
- 1 (28 oz.) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. dried oregano leaves

In a large pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for 6-8 minutes. pour in the wine and cook for 4-5 minutes, or until most of the liquid is evaporated. Stir in all of the remaining ingredients, crushing the basil and oregano with your fingers as you add it to the pot. Stir in 1 cup of water. Reduce the heat, cover, and cook for 20-30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and let cool completely before refrigerating.



For more delicious recipes, check out the *Eat What You Love Quick & Easy* recipe book by Marlene Koch in the 641 section of our non-fiction area.

The Cabin Fever Reliever reminder!

If you signed up for the Winter Reading Program, you have until February 3rd to check out books and get your scratch-off cards and entries into the Night Out Drawing. The winner will be drawn and notified on Monday, February 6th. Good luck!



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