

STEAMpunks

Miss Lisa gives the STEAMpunks something worth writing about on Monday, February 5th at 5:30 in USCL's large meeting room.

This month, kids will use 3-D Doodler pens and whatever their imagination can come up with to make new creations from plastic filament. Miss Lisa has everything you need, including snacks, for a fun evening of innovation!

STEAMpunks is open to youth in grades 6-12.



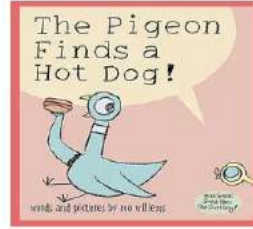
Sign Language Course at USCL



Take A Storywalk

Follow this month's storybook page by page through uptown and read *The Pigeon Finds A Hotdog* by Mo Willems.

When Pigeon finds a delicious hot dog, he can hardly wait to shove the entire thing in his beak. But . . . then a very sly and hungry duckling enters the scene and wants a bite. Who will be the more clever bird? In this hilarious follow-up to the acclaimed Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! Mo Willems has created another avian adventure that encourages children to share even their most prized foods.



To start your walk, stop at the front desk and pick up a Coded Tales sheet. As you walk from business to business, 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!

THAT THURSDAY THING

Every Thursday that school is in session, kids of all ages are invited to attend That Thursday Thing from 3:00-4:00. Each week, the children and youth department team up to host games and activities that encourage kids to interact in positive and creative ways with each other and our staff. There's often fun snacks and plenty of time to hang out with friends. It's an hour they won't want to miss!

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COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



Cool Beans: Mastering the Art of Roasting

Everyone loves a good cup of joe, but how did that drink go from a bean to the warm mug in your hand? Brad Wood, the master roaster and owner of Brewed Balance Roasters, will be at USCL to talk about how he got started in the coffee business, what goes into making a blend, and the importance of sustainability in the coffee industry.

Perk up your winter schedule and get all your coffee questions answered on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00p.m. in USCL's large meeting room.



For the Love of Art

USCL is looking for local artists interested in displaying their artwork in the library during the month of 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 for display February 26th-March 2nd. The art will be displayed throughout the library March 4th-23rd. Artists will be able to pick up their artwork March 25-30.

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



February Events

- 1st: New Storywalk begins
- 5th: STEAMpunks
- 7th: The Road Less Traveled: Revisited.
- 8th: Craft Party!
- 19th: CLOSED
- 20th: Common Readers
- 21st: Cool Beans: Mastering the Art of Roasting
- 26th: Lunch Bunch
- 28th: Inglorious Bookworms

Tiny Tots (ages 0-3):

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

Storytime

with Miss Jill



Preschool (ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.

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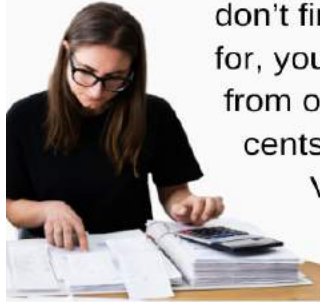
Mon.- Thurs. 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

That Time of Year...

Tax season is upon us and the Ohio Department of taxation is encouraging everyone to go paperless and file electronically. To access the Ohio Tax eServices, visit tax.ohio.gov/myportal to get started. If you would like paper copies of state tax forms, go to www.tax.ohio.gov/forms.

Looking for Federal tax forms? Check out our Tax display in the adult fiction endcap. If you don't find the form you are looking for, you can print what you need from our computers for fifteen cents per copy.

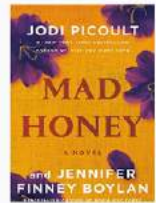
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COMMON READERS

Everyone is welcome to join Krystal and the Common Readers Book Club on February 20th at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss this month's feature book, *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan.

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. Now she is back in her hometown, raising her son, Asher, and taking over her father's beekeeping business.



Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start.

And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him, too.

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent until she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her.

The Road Less Traveled... Revisited

You are invited to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 in USCL's large meeting room when Russell Lyon returns to take you on another pictorial journey through his love of photography. You will experience the majesty and simple beauty that surrounds us all through the lens of this local photographic artist. There is no registration required for this program and all ages are invited to attend.



INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Share your thoughts about the Romance genre and Sangu Mandanna's *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room.

As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she has to hide her magic and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention.

An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the mysterious Nowhere House to teach three young witches how to control their magic. It breaks all of the rules, but Mika goes anyway, and becomes tangled up in the lives and secrets of not only her three charges, but also an absent archaeologist, a retired actor, two long-suffering caretakers, and...Jamie, the handsome and prickly librarian of Nowhere House.

The thought of belonging somewhere begins to feel like a real possibility to Mika. But magic isn't the only danger in the world, and she will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a found family she didn't know she was looking for.



Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, February 26th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch. In recognition of Valentine's day, this month's theme is Red Food. Be sure to bring a copy of your recipe to share with the group!

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 3/4 cups butter, melted
- 3 Tbsp. white sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) container whipped topping, thawed
- 2 (3 oz.) packages strawberry gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 (10 oz.) packages frozen strawberries



Preheat oven to 400°. Stir together crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 tablespoons sugar; mix well and press mixture into the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish. Bake 8-10 minutes, until set. Set aside to cool.

In a large mixing bowl cream together cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Fold in whipped topping. Spread mixture onto cooled crust. Dissolve gelatin in boiled water. Stir in still frozen strawberries and allow to set briefly. When mixture is about the consistency of egg whites, pour and spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set.

Elevator Repair

The elevator at USCL will be undergoing repair starting February 12th and will be unavailable for use during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause some of our patrons. We do not have a definitive end date, but we hope to return the elevator to service as quickly as possible.

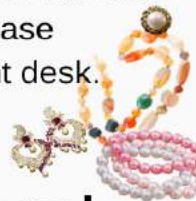
Bursting With Love

Get ready for Valentine's Day with an Exploding Valentine Box. Rachel will show you step-by-step how you can make this unique gift perfect for your loved one. All that hearts and kisses thing not your style? This craft is easily modified for other occasions like graduation, baby showers, or birthdays. So, join the party on February 8th at 6:00 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room for a night of holiday crafting. All supplies-and snacks-are provided. Be sure to register for your spot starting Monday, January 29th.



Trash to Treasure

We need your help! USCL believes in reusing, recycling, and finding new uses for old items and what better place to put this into practice than your crafting program. In March, Craft Party will be creating picture frames using old costume jewelry. So, we are asking you to breathe new purpose into those pieces that have been sitting unused in our jewelry boxes or waiting to be put in next year's yard sale by donating them to our Craft Party program. If you can help, please bring your donation to USCL's front desk. It would be greatly appreciated!



Read A Latte More!

There's still time to sign up for the Winter Reading Program! When you register at the front desk, and any time you check out books, you'll receive a scratch-off ticket for a chance to receive a prize. Then, fill out your ticket to enter our Reading Warm-Up Grand Prize drawing. The event runs until February 17th and the Grand Prize drawing will be held on February 20th.