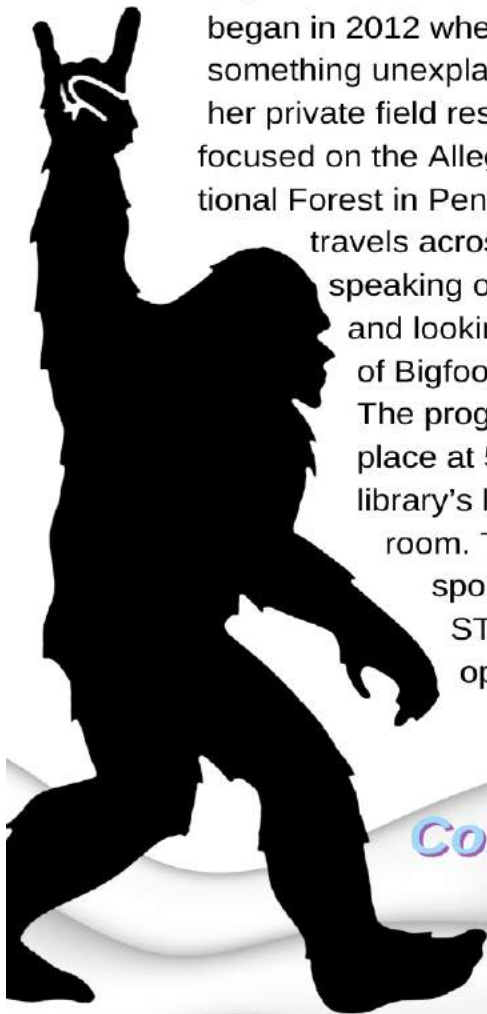


# Investigating Bigfoot

Do you believe in the existence of Bigfoot? Get ready to dive into the scientific research that goes into the search for Bigfoot at a special event on Monday, January 8th.

Amy Bue, an Ohio certified volunteer naturalist and cofounder of Project Zoobook, will give a presentation on Bigfoot and the work being done to make the subject of Bigfoot less taboo in scientific circles. A writer and educator from Northeast Ohio, Bue's interest in Bigfoot

began in 2012 when she saw something unexplainable. While her private field research is focused on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, Bue travels across the country speaking on, researching, and looking for evidence of Bigfoot's existence. The program will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the library's large meeting room. This event, sponsored by STEAMPunks, is open to all ages.



Coming up...

**Fun with 3-D Pens!**  
Monday, February 5th

## Take A Storywalk®

Follow this month's storybook page by page through uptown and read *Martha Doesn't Say Sorry* by Samantha Berger. Adorably clad in her pink dress and matching headband, Martha is ready to do just about anything-except say those three little words: I am sorry. But when this sweet but stubborn otter learns that niceties like cookies, piggyback rides, and hugs are for people who apologize our mischievous heroine learns the ultimately rewarding feeling that comes with saying she's sorry.



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!



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!

JANUARY 2024

# COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



## Sign Language Classes

- Jan. 10th: Fingerspelling  
Numbers  
Cultural aspects ASL
- Jan. 17th: Fingerspelling  
Number review  
Gender signs
- Jan. 24th: Fingerspelling practice  
Gender review  
Colors and Time  
New Vocabulary  
Sentence structure
- Jan. 31st: Fingerspelling practice  
Review Signs  
Sentence Review  
New Vocabulary

USCL is pleased to offer a Beginner's American Sign Language course. Keith Falzone, a long-time sign language interpreter, will be sharing his knowledge and skills with participants of all ages for four sessions on Wednesdays in January at 6:00 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room. This course is offered to our community at no cost and there is no registration required to attend.



## January Events

- 2nd: Winter Reading Program begins
- 2nd: New Storywalk begins
- 8th: Investigating Bigfoot
- 10th: Sign language class
- 11th: Craft Party!
- 13th: Puzzle Contest (Group A)
- 15th: Closed
- 16th: Common Readers
- 17th: Sign Language class
- 18th: A Taste of History
- 20th: Puzzle Contest (Group B)
- 22nd: Lunch Bunch
- 23rd: Inglorious Bookworms
- 24th: Sign Language Class
- 27th: The Halfway Hoorah
- 29th: Introduction to Narcan
- 31st: Sign Language class

## Putting the Pieces Together

As January's chill makes itself known, we turn to one of our favorite indoor pastimes (in addition to reading, of course): puzzles! Join Cheryl as she takes your jigsaw skills to the next level with a puzzle contest on Saturday, January 13th or Saturday 20th at 10:00 a.m. in USCL's large meeting room. Teams of two will test their puzzling prowess by attempting to place the most pieces of a 500-piece puzzle in 2 hours. All the puzzles will be the same to even the playing field. After the two hour time limit, a grand prize will be awarded! So, pick your date (the 13th or the 20th) and register your team of two (one person must be an adult) beginning January 2nd.



**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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# READ A LATTE



WINTER READING PROGRAM

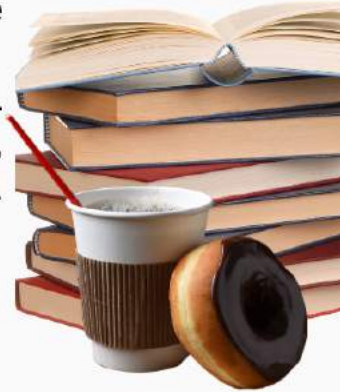
January 2nd - February 17th

- The first 40 people to sign up will receive a USCL camp mug.
- Each time you check out books, you'll receive a scratch-off ticket for a chance at a prize.
- Then fill out your ticket to enter our Reading Warm-Up Grand Prize drawing.
- Sign up at the front desk today!

## The Half Way Hooray!

WHERE ARE YOU AT WITH YOUR BOOK CHALLENGE?

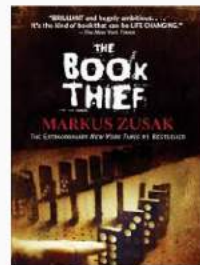
It's time to check in on how your 100 Book Club Challenge is going! Join fellow bookworms to talk about books we've read, eat donuts, enjoy hot drinks, and play a bookish emoji game. Have you made it to the halfway mark yet? If you've finished at least 50 books, bring in your reading tracker sheet to be entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card. It all happens on Saturday, January 27th at 10:00 a.m. in USCL's large meeting room. See you there!



## COMMON READERS

Everyone is welcome to join Krystal and the Common Readers Book Club on January 16th at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss this month's feature book, *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.

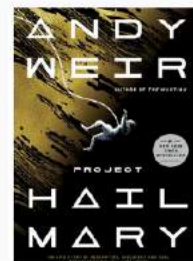
*It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.*



## INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Share your thoughts about the science fiction genre and Andy Weir's *Project Hail Mary* on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room.

*Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't even remember his own name, let alone his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company. His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, and hurtling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery—and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.*



## Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, January 22nd at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch. Get cozy inside and out with this month's theme: soup and bread. Be sure to bring a copy of your recipe to share with the group!

### Pimento Cheese Drop Biscuits

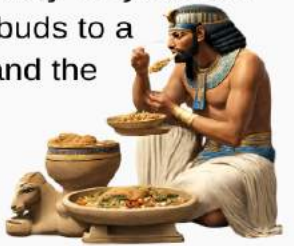
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 3/4 tsp. sea salt
- 1 tsp. sweet paprika
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 3 Tbsp. finely chopped, jarred roasted red peppers, patted dry



Preheat oven to 450°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and coat with cooking spray. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, and paprika. Add the milk and mayonnaise and stir with a rubber spatula until the flour mixture is just moistened, about fifteen strokes. Fold in the cheese and roasted red peppers until just combined. Using a small scoop or a 1/4-cup measure, scoop out the batter and drop onto the baking sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes until golden brown. Let cool for 5-10 minutes on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

## A Taste of History

Where do you go after you've traveled around the world on a culinary adventure? You go back in time, of course! Patti and Tony bring ancient dishes back to life with A Taste of History on Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 in USCL's large meeting room. This bi-monthly culinary program demonstrates how to make these historic dishes and offers samples so you can taste history for yourself. This month, treat your taste buds to a tasty Egyptian shakshouka and the sweet delight of zalabya. Registration begins on January 8th and is required for this program.



Find more delicious and easy recipes in *Easy Soups From Scratch with Quick Breads to Match* by Ivy Manning available in the 641 section of the non-fiction area.

## Introduction to Narcan

Join the Healing Communities Coalition for a program at 6:00 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29 at USCL discussing what Narcan is, how it is used, and why it's an important line of protection against overdose deaths in Wyandot County. Wyandot County Public Health will share information about the Project Dawn program, which provides free Narcan resources for the community. Hear from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board about the impact opioids have had on Wyandot County families and the work the board is doing to reduce the impact of the opioid epidemic. Learn more about available tools to prevent opioid overdoses from Wyandot County Prevention. Attendees will also have an opportunity to be hands on with practice Narcan kits to ensure they know how to administer the life-saving drug in an emergency. Those who attend may also take home free Naloxone kits to be prepared to save a life.

## New Year, New Craft!

Rachel invites you to craft your way into the New Year with a project to help you keep track of all those New Year's resolutions. On Thursday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the large meeting room, design your own Cookie Sheet Calendar complete with decorative air plant magnet. All supplies-and snacks-are provided. So, if one of your resolutions is to craft more in 2024, be sure to register for your spot starting January 2nd.

