

1000 Books!

Gabi Choice, daughter of Ciata Choice, has completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

Gabi started the program on December 27, 2022 and reached the goal on February 4, 2024. She comes to the library quite often with her Mom and is a regular at Story Times.

Several things Gabi enjoys are playing softball and riding her bike. Her favorite food is oranges and the books she likes are the Bizzy Bear series. She is 4 years old and likes the color pink.

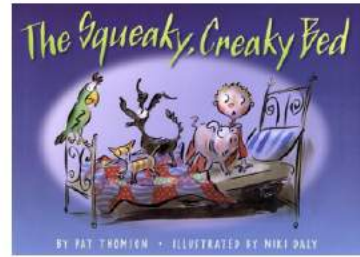
Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate. Each child will receive a log to record the books with incentives being given along the way.

As you read to your children, they will form a link between books and what they love most – your voice and your closeness.



Take A Storywalk[®]

Follow this month's storybook page by page through uptown and read *The Squeaky, Creaky Bed* by Pat Thomson. *Once there was a little boy who loved to visit his grandparents. But he couldn't fall asleep in the squeaky, creaky bed at their house. Grandfather thought a little cat would help. Or a little dog. Maybe a little pig? Soon the bed was very full, but it was still squeaky and creaky. Would the little boy—and all his new friends—ever be able to fall asleep?* 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!



MARCH 2024

COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



Makers' Month Is Here

March is the perfect time to celebrate all the ways our community expresses its creativity!

Visit USCL throughout the month to view arts and crafts that have been submitted by your friends and neighbors displayed throughout the library. From photography to fiber arts, these pieces are sure to spark inspiration and conversation. Children can stop at the Makers' display in the children's section each week in March and pick up a special Makers' Month craft pack. A new craft will be available each Monday in March!

Vincent Van Gogh said "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." As your community library, we hope that by bringing together the diverse talents of our town, we can celebrate how great it is to work, live, and create together!



March Events

- 1st: New Storywalk begins
- 4th: STEAMPunks
- 5th: Eclipse Viewer workshop
- 14th: Craft Party!
- 18th: Taste of History
- 19th: Common Readers
- 25th: Lunch Bunch
- 27th: Inglorious Bookworms

STEAMPunks

Miss Lisa and the STEAMPunks celebrate Makers' Month on Monday, March 4th at 5:30 in USCL's large meeting room.

Have you ever used a banana for a keyboard or clay for a control panel? Use Makey Makey equipment to create the impossible!

Miss Lisa has everything you need, including snacks, for a fun evening of innovation!

STEAMPunks is open to youth in grades 6-12.



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!

DIY Eclipse Viewer Workshop

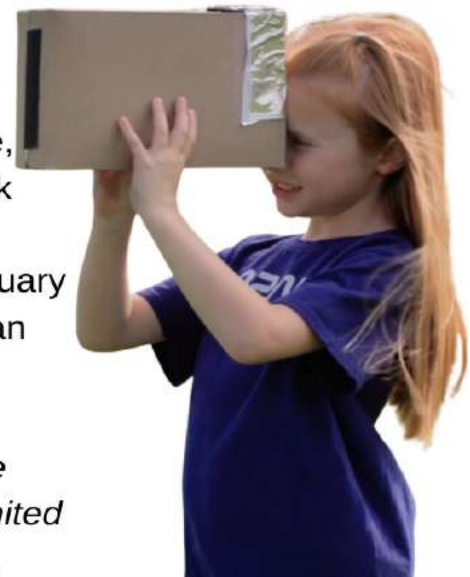
Get your family ready for April's epic solar eclipse by learning how to make a solar eclipse viewer.

Join library staff at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5th in USCL's large meeting room and put your creative talents to use with this easy DIY project. You'll also discover what makes a solar eclipse, other unique ways to view the eclipse, and design your own chalk eclipse art.

Registration for this event is limited and begins on Monday, February 26th. Children attending the program must be accompanied by an adult.

Please be aware that the elevator will not be available for use.

Attendees will need to use the stairs located in the back entrance vestibule. If you would like to attend but are unable due to the limited access, please alert our staff and accommodations will be made.



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.

Take a Break to Read



If you're headed out of town for Spring Break, download your vacation reads to your laptop, phone, or tablet using the Libby or Hoopla App and save some room in your luggage for more souvenirs! Have your library card and password handy and check out these apps!



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Mobile devices: download Hoopla App
*borrow 8 items per calendar month
*materials are always available; no waiting!
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COMMON READERS

Everyone is welcome to join Krystal and the Common Readers Book Club on March 19th at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss this month's featured book, *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn.

Bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her library job and her young son—but Hitler's invasion sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must forge herself from studious girl to deadly sniper—a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death. When news of her three hundredth kill makes her a national heroine, Mila finds herself sent to America on a goodwill tour.

Still reeling from war wounds, Mila finds herself lonely in the glittering world of Washington, DC—until an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and a connection with a silent fellow sniper offer the possibility of happiness. But when an old enemy from Mila's past shows up, Lady Death finds herself battling her own demons and enemy bullets in the deadliest duel of her life. Based on a true story.



INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Share your thoughts about the Romance genre and Laura Dave's *The Last Thing He Told Me* on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room.

Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: Protect her. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers—Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother.

As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered and as a US marshal and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he disappeared.

Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realize they're also building a new future—one neither of them could have anticipated.



Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, March 25th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch. In recognition of St. Patrick's Day, this month's theme is Green Food. Be sure to bring a copy of your recipe to share with the group!

This event takes place in USCL's large meeting room. Be aware that the elevator will not be available for use.

Korean Beef Cabbage Wraps

- 12 oz. extra-lean ground beef
- 3 Tbsp. reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Asian garlic chili sauce
- 2 tsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1 12 oz. pkg. shredded broccoli slaw mix
- 8 Napa or savoy cabbage leaves
- 1/2 cup chopped red sweet peppers

In an extra large skillet cook beef over medium-high heat until browned. Drain off any fat. Add soy sauce, Asian chili sauce, and sesame oil to meat; stir to combine. Stir in slaw mix. Cook and stir over medium heat 2-3 minutes or until cooked through and slaw mixture is just wilted.



If using Napa cabbage, trim each stem so you use the top leafy part of the cabbage. Spoon beef mixture onto the cabbage leaves. Top each with sweet pepper. Fold cabbage leaves around filling. Serve immediately.

Tax Forms

Looking for federal tax forms? Check out our Tax display on the adult fiction endcap. Need federal tax form or booklets in Spanish? These forms can also be found at our Tax display on the second shelf. 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.

A Taste of History

Move over, Chef Boyardee. This isn't your mother's Italian cooking! On Monday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m., join Patti and Tony Davidson as they take you on a food adventure back in time to ancient Rome. You will be invited to taste and learn about Roman culinary culture as Patti and Tony



demonstrate how to make dishes like Puls and Roman cheesecake that were common fare in ancient times. Registration begins on Monday, March 4th.

This event takes place in USCL's large meeting room. Be aware that the elevator will not be available for use.

Break Out the Bling

Turn old jewelry from trash to treasure with this month's Craft Party! On Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. Rachel will show you how to use discarded items to bling up a plain wooden picture frame. Use your creative energy to make this project your own and breathe new life into old favorites. As usual, snacks and materials are all provided so bring a friend and celebrate Makers' Month with this fun and easy project.



Registrations begins on Monday, March 4th and is required for attendance. *This event takes place in USCL's large meeting room. Be aware that the elevator will not be available for use.*

She's a Winner!



Congratulations to Deb Werre for winning the "Read A Latte" Winter Reading Program grand prize. Thank you to everyone who participated this year!

Elevator Repair

The elevator at USCL will be undergoing repair throughout the month of March 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.