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Event Guide



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Main Library,
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September – November 2026



Shaker Library

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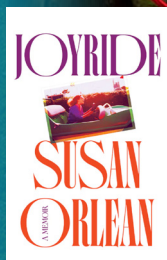
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An Evening with Susan Orlean

Monday, Nov. 2 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Shaker Main Library

Join bestselling author and 1973 Shaker High graduate Susan Orlean to celebrate the one-year anniversary and paperback launch of her memoir, *Joyride*. Books will be available for purchase and signing from Loganberry Books. Presented in partnership with the Shaker Historical Society and Shaker Schools Foundation. Please register.



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STORIES OF Homelessness

Stories have the power to help us understand a person's situation and step into their shoes, in a way that facts and figures can't. Shaker Library is pleased to present a series of opportunities to learn the stories of people in our Northeast Ohio community who have been homeless.



Portraits of Homelessness, Portraits of Strength

Thursday, Oct. 15 through Saturday, Nov. 21 • View portraits and read the stories of people who lived and worked at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter, collected by photographer Lydia Bailey, a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. The portraits and their accompanying texts tell the stories of resilience amid extreme challenges. *Main Library*

Community Conversation on Homelessness: Solutions, Innovations, and Pathways Out Wednesday, Nov. 11

• 6:30 - 8 p.m. Hear from shelter leaders and advocates about homelessness causes and solutions, ask questions, and engage in respectful community dialogue. *Main Library*

Finding Voice: Open Mic Poetry Wednesday, Nov. 18 • 6:30

- 8 p.m. For over 15 years, Ohio's largest men's shelter (the LMM Shelter at 2100 Lakeside) has held a poetry workshop entitled Finding Voice Poetry. Hear their poetry and share your own. Finding Voice books available for purchase and signing. *Main Library*

Ongoing Classes at the Library

EXERCISE

Tai Chi Thursdays • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Learn an exercise that helps lower blood pressure & improve balance. *Main Library*

Chair Yoga Fridays • 10 - 11 a.m. Short meditation and yoga with support of a chair. Please register. *Main Library*

HOBBIES

Knit, Crochet & So Much More! Every 3rd Wednesday • 7 - 8 p.m. Bring your own materials to craft with the support of an expert. *Bertram Woods Branch*

African American Genealogical Society of Cleveland Program Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24 & Nov 28 • 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Attend in person or virtually. Email aags.wm1@gmail.com for the Zoom link. *Main Library*

SOCIAL

American Sign Language For Beginners Mondays, starting Sept. 14 • 7 - 8 p.m. Learn ASL basics. Registration required. No new students after Sept. 28. *Main Library*

Intermediate American Sign Language Mondays, starting Nov. 23 • 7 - 8 p.m. For those who've completed our beginner course or have basic ASL knowledge. Registration required. No new students after Dec. 7. *Main Library*

Coffee & Community Wednesdays • 10 - 11 a.m. Enjoy a beverage, conversation, and activity each week. *Main Library*

Vibes and Videogames for Young Adults Tuesdays • 7 - 8 p.m. Unwind with activities and snacks. For ages 18 - 25. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Trivia Night Every 1st Wednesday • 7 - 8 p.m. Bring friends and enjoy friendly competition. *Bertram Woods Branch*

Learning English Through Conversation 1st & 3rd Thursdays • 1 - 3 p.m. Practice English with ESL tutors. For all levels of English-language learners. *Main Library*

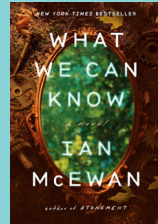
Book Discussions

Register in advance at events.shakerlibrary.org. Copies available at the library one month before discussion.

PubReads at Van Aken District Market Hall (Raider Space), 3441 Tuttle Rd.

Mondays • 7 - 8:30 p.m.

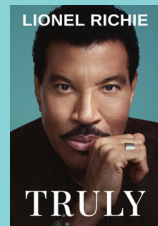
Sept. 14 - *What We Can Know* by Ian McEwan
Oct. 5 - *Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio* by Derf Backderf



Book Buzz at Main Library

Tuesdays • 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 15 - *Truly* by Lionel Richie
Oct. 20 - *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong
Nov. 17 - *Bog Queen* by Anna North



Mystery Book Discussion at Main Library

Tuesdays • 7 - 8 p.m.

Sept. 8 - *Northwoods* by Amy Pease
Oct. 13 - *Every Kind of Wicked* by Lisa Black
Nov. 10 - *The Marlow Book Club* by Robert Thorogood



Cook the Book at Main Library

Wednesdays • 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Sept. 2 - *Come Hungry* by Melissa Ben-Ishay
Oct. 7 - *Natasha's Kitchen* by Natasha Kravchuk
Oct. 28 - *Keep It Simple Y'all* by Matthew Bounds



Voter Information from League of Women Voters

Wednesday, Sept. 23 • 7 - 8 p.m. Join us for a non-partisan discussion of changes to state and federal voting laws and issues you will see on the ballot in November. *Main Library*

Medicare 101 Wednesday, Sept. 30 • 1 - 2 p.m. Learn accurate, unbiased information and get tips on how to enroll. *Main Library*

Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Sunday, Oct. 4 • All day View amazing flower displays by Shoko Morton and students in the atrium. *Main Library*



Puzzle/Boardgame Swap Café Wednesday, Oct. 14 • 6:30 - 8 p.m. Bring gently used, complete puzzles or board games to swap. *Main Library*

Beloved Community Book Club Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday Resistance

Intergenerational discussion for teens and adults

Thursdays, Oct. 22 & Nov. 5 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
We discussed MLK's *Where Do We Go From Here: Community or Chaos?* We discussed Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*. Now, join us for our third and final community discussion with neighbors. *Main Library*



Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Program

Saturday, October 17 • 2 - 4 p.m. IMAGINE/ Danielle Boone Institute will present a theatrical performance and student poetry highlighting teen domestic violence awareness, followed by expert-led breakout sessions and on-site support from local organizations and counselors. *Main Library*



Teen Gatherings at Main Library

Food and Friends Mondays • 4 - 5 p.m. Learn a recipe while hanging out with friends! *Main Library, Mercer Room*

Life Skills Workshop Tuesdays • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Learn about a life skill such as: resume building, mock interviews, financial literacy, and more. *Main Library, Teen Room*

SUPER Arcade Gaming Group Every other Tuesday • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Join us for multi-player computer and console games! Ages 9 -14. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Teen V.I.B.E.S. Wednesdays • 4 - 5 p.m. Express yourself at this weekly art group. *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Middle School Matchup Wednesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18 • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Play video and board games. *Bertram Woods Branch, Community Room*

Horror Story Competition

October 1 - 31 • Try your hand at a short story competition! Winners will be announced on social media on Nov. 9 and receive Mitchell's Ice Cream scoop tokens or a full sized candy bar!





Get Crafting in the Creative Spaces

Sew a Sunglasses Case Thursday, Sept. 3 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Learn machine sewing basics as you create a stylish sunglasses case. No sewing experience necessary. *Main Library, The Workshop*



Painting with Sunlight: Cyanotypes with Jordan Lee

Saturday, Sept. 26 • 2 - 3:30 p.m. Join local artist Jordan Lee to create nature-inspired blueprints using this historic photographic process. *Bertram Woods Branch, The Reading Garden (Community Room in case of rain)*

Fused Glass Suncatchers Sunday, Oct. 4 • 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Learn glass fusing basics while designing your sun catcher, then come back and pick up your finished piece after our new kiln has brought your artwork to life. *Main Library, The Workshop*

Clay Keychain Thursday, Nov. 19 • 6 - 7:30 p.m. Get hands-on with polymer clay. Create a bold, colorful keychain or pendant that showcases your own creative style. *Main Library, The Workshop*



Creative Spaces Orientation Thursday, Sept. 17 •
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Explore new tools and technology in our
revamped Creative Spaces. *Main Library, Tech Studio & The
Workshop*

Rotary and Heat Tools Training*
Thursday, Oct. 15 • 6 - 8 p.m. Become
a verified user of our rotary tool,
heat guns, and soldering irons. *Main
Library, The Workshop*



Sewing Machine Training* Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 10 - 11:30
a.m. Become a verified user of the sewing machines and
serger. *Main Library, The Workshop*

** All customers are required to complete these trainings
before using the corresponding tools in the Creative
Spaces.*

Creative Spaces Co-Lab
Saturdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3 & Nov.
7 • 1 - 2:30 p.m. Open studio time
to explore tools, work on personal
projects, or collaborate. Participants
required to complete training and
sign the Creative Spaces Agreement
before they attend the co-lab. *Main
Library, Tech Studio & The Workshop*



Get help from a tech expert

Need personalized technology
assistance? Meet with a tech
expert who can help.

Make an appointment at [events.shakerlibrary.org/appointments](https://shakerlibrary.org/appointments),
or drop in for Open Hours:

Wednesdays • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Main Library, Tech Studio





Fall Frights and Fun Wednesday, Oct. 28 • 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Experience fall crafts, not-too-scary stories, snacks, and pumpkins. *Bertram Woods Branch*

Scavenger Hunts Practice literacy skills with themed scavenger hunts in the Children's Room at both branches.

- **Sept.** School supply
- **Oct.** Scarecrow
- **Nov.** Petting Zoo

Hot Chocolate & Community Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 14 & Nov. 1 • 4 - 5 p.m. Enjoy hot chocolate and an activity. *Main Library, Children's Room*

Mini Makers Thursdays • 4 - 5 p.m. Try a new craft! *Main Library, Sussex Room*

- Sept. 10 – *Coloring Book Notebook Cover*
- Oct. 8 – *Sew a Stuffie*
- Nov. 12 – *Fall Leaf Dish*



After School Art Main Library • Tuesdays, Sept. 22, Oct. 13 & 27, and Nov. 10 & 24, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bertram Woods • Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 15 & 29, and Nov. 12, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Read to a Dog Mondays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, and Nov. 23 • 4 - 5:30 p.m. Register for a 15-minute timeslot to read to a certified therapy dog. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

RedRover Readers Monday, Oct. 12 • 4 - 5 p.m. Learn compassion for animals with a story and activity. Registration encouraged. Ages 5–11. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Graphic Novel Book Club Wednesdays

• **4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Pick up a copy at the Children's Desk before our meeting. Please register. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

- Sept. 16 – *Swim Team*
- Oct. 21 – *Witches of Brooklyn*
- Nov. 18 – Read a *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* novel



Storytime

Storytime will take a break November 23-29.

Main Woods

Birth to 12 months
Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

1 - 2 year olds
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

2 - 5 year olds
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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Evening Storytime
Mondays at 6 p.m.

Play and Learn Station at Main Library

Wednesday • 1 - 3 p.m.
Thursday • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Friday • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Sign up for a session at
events.shakerlibrary.org.*



Dino Day Tuesday,
Nov. 3 • 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Vote for your favorite
dinosaur as we celebrate
DiNovember. Enjoy
dinosaur-themed crafts,
activities, and more! *Main
Library, Children's Room*



Hours

Main Library

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - Saturday

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday

1 - 5 p.m.

Bertram Woods Branch

Monday and Wednesday

1 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday

Closed



Closures

Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Staff Professional Day

Friday, September 18

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 25

Both library locations close at 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26

Day After Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

Friends Fall Book Sale

Friends Preview Sale

Wednesday, Oct. 7 • 4 - 8 p.m.

Friends members get first dibs on bargains! Not a Friend? Join at the door.

Regular Sale Hours

Thursday, Oct. 8 • 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9 • 12 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10 • 12 - 4 p.m.

Bag Sale Sunday Sunday, Oct.

11 • 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Fill a bag of books for \$5. Items in the Specials Room are half price.

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