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Event Guide



March – May 2026



Shaker Library

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Art Exposed

May 9 - 20 @ Main Library

Come see Shaker Heights High School student artwork — jewelry, painting, ceramics, photography, and more — on the second floor of Shaker Main Library.



Shaker Starts Here Adult Reader's Challenge 2026

Expand your literary horizons with our 2026 Reading Challenge. Pick up a bingo board at either library branch or visit shakerlibrary.beanstack.org to get started.



1 BINGO = 

Free book of
your choice from
Friends Book Sale

3 BINGOS = 

Shaker Library
bumper sticker
or magnet

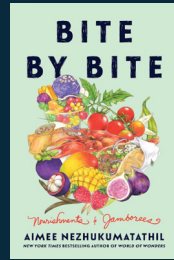
Full Board = 

Shaker Library
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Bite into Books

Join eight public library systems across Cuyahoga County to read Aimee Nezhukumatathil's memoir, *Bite By Bite*.



This program is grant-funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and designed to build community through a shared reading experience.

Bite into Books Kickoff Saturday, Feb. 28 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We're giving away hundreds of copies of *Bite By Bite* and other food-forward reads at the West Side Market. Visit our booth to get free books and participate in activities. *West Side Market, 1979 W 25th St, Cleveland*

Cook the Book: *Bite by Bite* Wednesday, Mar. 4 • 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. Find inspiration in *Bite by Bite*. Bring a dish that sparks fond family memories. *Main Library*

Writing about Food, Family, and Ourselves Saturday, April 11 • 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Draft a food-centered story with guidance from author Annmarie Kelly-Harbaugh. *Main Library*



Guided Tasting with Aimee Nezhukumatathil Wednesday, Apr. 29 • 6 - 7:15 p.m. Enjoy a unique tasting experience. As you sample flavors, Aimee will guide you in a writing prompt to spark creativity. Register at cuyahogareads.org. *Cleveland Public Library - Downtown, 325 Superior Ave.*

Author Visit with Aimee Nezhukumatathil Thursday, Apr. 30 • 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy a special author visit and discussion. Purchase tickets at cuyahogareads.org. Attend in person or via livestream on the City Club website. *The City Club of Cleveland, 317 Euclid Ave. Suite 100.*

Ongoing Classes at the Library

American Sign Language for Beginners Mondays, start date TBD • 7 - 8:30 p.m. Learn ASL basics. Keep an eye on the calendar for dates. Registration required. *Main Library*

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

Trivia Night Wednesdays, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, and May 6 • 7 - 8 p.m. *Bertram Woods Branch*

Sound Bath Meditation Wednesdays, Mar. 18, Apr. 15 & May 20 • 7 - 8 p.m. Please register. *Main Library*

Knit, Crochet & So Much More! Wednesdays, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, and May 20 • 7 - 8 p.m. Bring your own materials to craft with the support of an expert. *Bertram Woods Branch*

Tai Chi Thursdays • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Please register. No class 4/30. *Main Library*

Chair Yoga Fridays • 10 - 11 a.m. Please register. No class 5/1. *Main Library*

Socrates Café Fridays, Mar. 13, 20 & 27, Apr. 10 & 17 • 3 - 4 p.m. JCU undergrads will join community members to discuss philosophical issues. *Main Library*

African American Genealogical Society of Cleveland Program Saturdays, Mar. 28, Apr. 25 & May 23 • 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Attend in person or virtually. Email aags.wm1@gmail.com for the Zoom link. *Main Library*

Poetry Jam 2026 + Open Mic

Saturday, Apr. 18 & Sunday, Apr. 19 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Poets share original work under direction of Moreland Community Theatre & Film. Open Mic on Saturday. *Main Library*

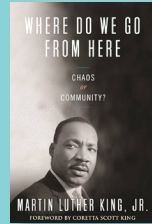


Book Discussions

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

Shaker Community Conversation: *Where Do We Go From Here? Community or Chaos* Wednesday, March 25 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join Colleen Jackson, Chief Culture & Engagement Officer for the City of Shaker Heights, to discuss Dr. King's last book before his death. Pick up your free copy from Shaker Main Library, while supplies last.



PubReads at Van Aken District Market Hall (Raider Space), 3441 Tuttle Rd. Mondays • 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mar. 2 - *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett

Apr. 6 - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

May 4 - *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead



Book Buzz at Main Library Tuesdays • 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Mar. 17 - *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts

Apr. 21 - *Freedom is a Feast* by Alejandro Puyana

May 19 - *Isola* by Allegra Goodman

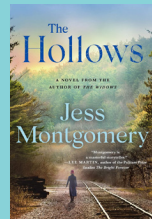


Mystery Book Discussion at Main Library Tuesdays • 7 - 8 p.m.

Mar. 10 - *The Hollows* by Jess Montgomery

Apr. 14 - *Every Kind of Wicked* by Lisa Black

May 12 - *Murder at Gulls Nest* by Jess Kidd



Cook the Book at Main Library Wednesdays • 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Mar. 4 - *Bite by Bite* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Apr. 1 - *Umma* by Sarah and Nam Soon Ahn

May 6 - *Shred Happens* by Arash Hashemi



Mr. Moser's Neighborhood Monday, Mar. 16 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Explore vaudeville history in CLE with Chris Roy. *Main Library*

Shaker Community Swap Meet @ the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Saturday, Mar. 21 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trade clothes, books, appliances—no electronics or vehicles. Sign up for a free table here: <https://tinyurl.com/8u8jdn22>

Leon Bibb: Genealogies of Famous Shakerites with Dr. Deborah Abbott Saturday, Mar. 28 • 2 - 4 p.m. Explore the life of Leon Bibb, legendary WEWS news anchor. *Main Library*

Plant Swap! Wednesday, Apr. 22 • 6 - 7:30 p.m. Bring your plants to swap with fellow plant lovers! *Main Library*

Climate Fresh Workshop Saturday, May 9 • 1 - 5 p.m. Learn about climate change with hands-on activities. *Main Library*

Composting Essentials with Rustbelt Riders Tuesday, May 19 • 6 - 7 p.m. Learn composting methods. *Main Library*

Author Visits

Author Talk: Tara Pringle Jefferson

Tuesday, Apr. 21 • 7 - 8 p.m. Join the Cleveland-based author of *Bloom How You Must*. Books will be available for sale and signing. *Main Library*



Culture, Writing, Identity: A Conversation with Melody Chu and Margaret Wong

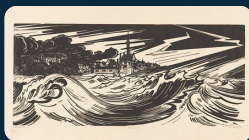
Tuesday, May 5 • 7 - 8:30 p.m. Join Shaker Library and the Shaker Historical Society for a conversation with authors Melody Chu and Margaret Wong on writing, identity, culture, and immigration. Books will be available for sale and signing. *Main Library*



Cricut Crafternoons

Linocut Postcards Saturday, Mar. 28

• 3 - 4:30 p.m. Design a postcard using linocut printmaking techniques. *Main Library, The Workshop*



Sewing Machine Basics Saturday, Apr. 11 • 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Get started on our easy stitch machine, computerized sewing machine, and serger. *Main Library, The Workshop*

Learn Bookbinding Thursday, Apr. 23

• 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Assemble your own handmade journal using our new book press. *Main Library, The Workshop*



Sew a Book Sleeve Saturday, May 9 • 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Learn sewing machine basics while making a simple craft. *Main Library, 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.
Every other Thursday • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. *Main Library, Tech Studio*



Creative Spaces Orientation

Thursday, April 16 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 23 • 2 - 3 p.m.

Learn about the equipment and software available in our Creative Spaces. *Main Library*





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

- **March:** Cookies
- **April:** Arbor Day
- **May:** Fairy Garden

Building Bonanza Mondays • 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Design and build with STEM materials. *Main Library, Children's Room*

Playtime at Bertram Woods Fridays • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet neighbors and play with a rotation of toys and activities. *Bertram Woods Branch*

Hot Chocolate & Community Tuesdays, Mar. 3 and 17, Apr. 14 & 28, and May 12 • 4 - 5 p.m. Enjoy hot chocolate and an activity, and meet new friends. *Main Library, Children's Room*

- 3/3: Food Art
- 3/17: Smoothies
- 4/14: DIY Recipe Book
- 4/28: Garden Rainbows
- 5/12: Fairy Tea Party

RedRover Readers Mondays, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, and May 11 • 4 - 5 p.m. Learn compassion for animals with a story and activity. Registration encouraged. Ages 5-11. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Mini Makers Saturdays, Apr. 18 and May 16 • 11 - 12 p.m. Kids, get crafting with a caregiver. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

- 4/18: DIY Recipe Book
- 5/16: Fairy Tea Party

Storytime

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.

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

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

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

Pajama Storytime
Mondays at 6 p.m.

Parachute Play

Wednesdays, Mar. 4,
Apr. 8, and May 6 • 3 -
3:30 p.m. Enjoy songs
and parachute games.
Main Library, Sussex Room



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.
*with special playroom for
infants birth - 12 months.*
Saturday • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

Special Storytimes

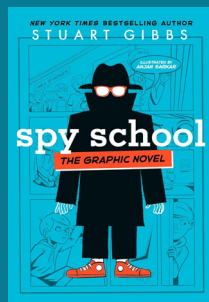
Tree Tale Tellers Thursday, Apr. 23 •
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join a storyteller from
Holden Forests & Gardens to learn about
plants and trees. Tickets available at the
Children's Desk 30 minutes prior. *Main
Library, Sussex Room*

Fairy Storytime Saturday, May 2 • 10:30
- 11:30 a.m. Celebrate the arrival of the
library fairies! *Main Library, Sussex Room*



Graphic Novel Book Club Wednesdays,

- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Join fellow fans to talk about our latest read. Pick up a copy at the Children's Desk before our meeting. Please register. *Main Library, Sussex Room*
- Mar. 18 – *Spy School: The Graphic Novel*
- Apr. 15 – *Paws: Gabby Gets It Together*
- May 20 – *Reader's Choice!*

**After School Art**

Main Library • Tuesdays, Mar. 10, Apr. 7 & 21, and May 5, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Bertram Woods • Thursdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 9 & 23, and May 7, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Kid's Table @ the Shaker Community Swap Meet

Saturday, Mar. 21 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trade toys and games at the "kid's only" table. No electronics. Please register. *The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes*

Read to a Dog Mondays, Mar. 23 and Apr. 27 • 4 - 5:30 p.m. Register for a 15-minute timeslot to read to a certified therapy dog. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Anime Club Mondays, Mar. 9, Apr. 20, and May 4 • 4 - 5 p.m. *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Food & Friends Mondays, Mar. 2, 16, and 30, Apr. 13 • 4 - 5 p.m. Socialize and learn a skill. *Main Library, Mercer Room*

**Community Conversation:
How Teens Can Thrive in Our
Community**

Thursday, Apr. 16 • 6:30 - 8 p.m. A teen/adult discussion on supporting Shaker youth. *Main Library*



High School Student Appreciation Week May 18 - 22 •
4 - 5 p.m. Celebrate the end of the school year with activities, food, and giveaways. **Celebrate the Class of 2026** with cake and snacks on Thursday, May 21 from 4 - 6 p.m. While supplies lasts. *Main Library*

D&D Character Prep Mondays, Mar. 9, Apr. 20, and May 4 • 3 - 4 p.m. Prep D&D characters for the next game. *Main Library, Onaway Room*

D&D: One Night, One Shot Tuesdays, Mar. 10, Apr. 21, and May 5 • 5 - 7 p.m. Bring a ready-made character (level 3) or grab a premade one. *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Mock Interviews Tuesdays • 3:30 - 5 p.m. Ace future job interviews. Sign up for a 30 minute session. For grades 9 - 12. *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Middle School Matchup Wednesdays • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Play video and board games. *Bertram Woods Branch, Community Room*

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

Quarterly Birthday Party

Bertram Woods • Wednesday, May 27, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Main Library • Thursday, May 28, 4 - 5 p.m.

Quests for Candy Every other Friday • 4 - 5 p.m. Need something extra to add to your resume? Lend a hand, earn candy, and gain skills! *Main Library, Teen Room*

Vibes and Video Games for Young Adults

Every Tuesday except the last one of the month • 7 - 8 p.m. Unwind with activities and snacks. For ages 18 - 25. *Main Library, Sussex 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

Monday and Wednesday

1 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday

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

Sunday

Closed

Closures

Easter

Sunday, April 5

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Friends Spring Book Sale

Friends Preview Sale

Wednesday, Apr. 29 • 4 - 8 p.m.

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

Regular sale hours

Thursday, Apr. 30 • 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, May 1 • 12 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 2 • 12 - 4 p.m.

Funding for the programming in this booklet is provided by the Friends of the Shaker Library.



Bag Sale Sunday

Sunday, May 3 • 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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16500 Van Aken Blvd.
Shaker Heights, OH 44120
216-991-2030



Bertram Woods Branch
20600 Fayette Rd.
Shaker Heights, OH 44122
216-991-2421



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