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Event Guide



Shaker Library

December 2026 – February 2027

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Celebrating MLK



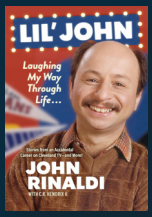
Community Meal and Discussion
Sunday, Jan. 17, 1 - 3 p.m. • Shaker Heights Middle School • Save the date for our annual gathering!



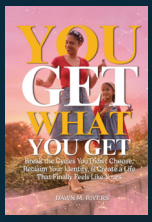
Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, Feb. 6 • **10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Families, join us for a chance to become junior librarians for the day! Drop in for a behind-the-scenes look at the work librarians do, help them review books, build book displays, and more, and take home some special library swag! *Main Library*

Author Visits



Lil' John: Laughing My Way Through Life: Stories from an Accidental Career on CLE TV Saturday, Dec. 12 • 2 - 3 p.m. Cleveland TV icon Lil' John Rinaldi shares stories from his "Big Chuck & Lil' John Show" days, answers questions, and offers trivia and giveaways. Book purchase/signing available. Please register. *Main Library*



New Year, Same You? Breaking the Cycles That Follow Us Saturday, Jan. 2 • 2 - 3 p.m. Author & coach Dawn M. Rivers discusses *You Get What You Get*, exploring inherited patterns, identity, and aligned action. Book purchase/signing available. Please register. *Main Library*

Crochet Fun

Materials Swap: Knit, Crochet & So Much More! Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 7 - 8 p.m. Swap yarn, needles, fabric, and floss, then join our monthly 3rd Wednesday sessions with expert help. No early drop-offs. *Bertram Woods Branch, Community Room*

Winter Crochet Olympics Monday, Feb. 15 • 7 - 8:30 p.m. Join the Moreland Neighbor Network and Shaker Library for the Crochet Olympics, a friendly competition for all skill levels. Test your skills and enjoy refreshments. *Main Library*



Rev. Dr. Marvin A. McMickle: Genealogies of Famous Shakerites, presented by Dr. Deborah Abbott Saturday, Feb. 27 • 2 - 4 p.m. Dr. Abbott explores the family history of Dr. McMickle, a Shaker Heights pastor, seminary leader, professor, former school board member, and author. *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, Jan. 23 & Feb. 27 • 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Attend in person or virtually. Email aags.wm1@gmail.com for the Zoom link. *Main Library*

SOCIAL

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

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*

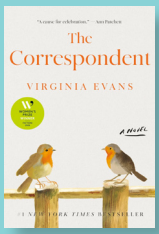
Business Launchpad Series **Thursdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 4 • 7 - 8 p.m.** Join Cleveland Business Mentors for a 5-week in-person workshop to get practical tools and guidance on strategy, marketing, finance, and growth. *Main Library*



Book Discussions

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

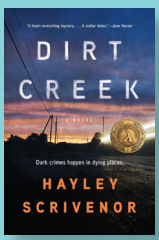
PubReads at Van Aken District Market Hall (Raider Space), 3441 Tuttle Rd.
Mondays • 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 7 - *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans
Jan. 4 - *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig
Feb. 1 - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi



Book Buzz at Main Library
Tuesdays • 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 15 - *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton
Jan. 19 - *Keeper of Lost Children* by Sadeqa Johnson
Feb. 16 - *Happy Land* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez



Mystery Book Discussion at Main Library
Tuesdays • 7 - 8 p.m.
Dec. 8 - *To Slip the Bonds of Earth* by Amanda Flower
Jan. 12 - *Dirt Creek* by Hayley Scrivenor
Feb. 9 - *May the Wolf Die* by Elizabeth Heider



Cook the Book at Main Library
Wednesdays • 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Dec. 2 - *Everything's Good* by Toni Chapman
Jan. 6 - *Snacks for Dinner* by Lukas Volger
Feb. 3 - *Measure with Your Heart* by Hannah Taylor





Get Crafting in the Creative Spaces



Learn to Crochet – Easy Bookmarks **Tuesday, Dec. 15 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Join us for a free, beginner-friendly class where we learn to make cute, giftable bookmarks. Advanced patterns available for experienced crocheters. *Main Library, The Workshop*



Carved Leather Key Fobs **Saturday, Jan. 16 • 1 - 3 p.m. Get hands-on with leatherworking!** Learn how to carve and dye leather to create a custom key fob. Explore basic leatherworking techniques and transform a piece of leather into a practical, personalized accessory. *Main Library, The Workshop*



Copper & Beaded Jewelry Making **Thursday, Feb. 11 • 5 - 7 p.m.** Discover the art of jewelry making with local artist Maria Pelissier. Learn to create beaded bracelets and necklaces featuring custom findings and handmade hammered copper pendants. *Main Library, The Workshop*

Rotary and Heat Tools Training* **Thursday, Dec. 3 • 6 - 8 p.m.** Become a verified user of our rotary tool, heat guns, and soldering irons. *Main Library, The Workshop*

Sewing Machine Training*
Thursday, Jan. 21 • 3:30 - 5 p.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 Orientation **Monday, Feb. 1 • 2 - 3 p.m.** Explore new tools and technology in our revamped Creative Spaces. *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, or drop in for Open Hours:
Wednesdays • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Main Library, Tech Studio



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

Life Skills Workshop **Tuesdays** • **4 - 5 p.m.** Learn about a life skill such as: resume building, mock interviews, financial literacy, and more. *Main Library, Teen Room*



Teen V.I.B.E.S. **Wednesdays** • **4 - 5 p.m.** Express yourself through drawing, painting, sculpting, writing, or any other medium at this weekly art group. *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Middle School Matchup **Wednesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 & Feb. 10** • **3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** Play video and board games. *Bertram Woods Branch, Community Room*



Gingerbread House Competition **Thursday, Dec. 10** • **4 - 5 p.m.** Design your own gingerbread house for fun or submit it to the competition. *Main Library, Teen Room*



Gothic Novel Book Club **Thursday, Jan. 21** • **4 - 5 p.m.** Discuss *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, play monster trivia, and make your own gothic creation! Pick up a free book at the Teen Desk starting Dec. 14. *Main Library, Onaway Room*



Children of Blood and Bone Celebration Day **Thursday, Jan. 7** • **4 - 5 p.m.** Join us in celebrating the theatrical release of the hit series. Enter for a chance to win a themed basket including the whole book series! *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Escape Rooms at the Library



K-Pop Demon Hunters Escape Room
Tuesday, Dec. 15 • 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Join us for a timed escape room based on the K-Pop Demon Hunters movie. For ages 8 - 12. *Main Library, Sussex Room*



Library Escape Room Wednesday, Feb. 3 • 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Use library resources to solve the escape room! For ages 8 - 12. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Scavenger Hunts Practice literacy skills with themed scavenger hunts in the Children's Room at both branches. • **Dec.** Snowman • **Jan.** Bakery • **Feb.** Arts and Crafts

After School Art Main Library • Tuesdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & 26, and Feb. 9 & 23, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. **Bertram Woods** • Thursdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28, and Feb. 11 & 25, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Hot Chocolate & Community Wednesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 & 27, and Feb. 10 & 24 • 4 - 5 p.m. Enjoy hot chocolate and an activity. *Main Library, Children's Room*

SUPER Arcade Gaming Group Tuesdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5 & 19, and Feb. 2 & 16 • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Join us for multi-player computer and console games! Ages 9 -14. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Youth Dungeons & Dragons Thursdays, Jan. 7 & 21 and Feb. 4 & 18 • 4 - 5:30 p.m. Join us for a game of Dungeons & Dragons especially for ages 9-12! Everyone from newbies to experienced players is welcome. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Dragon Appreciation Day
Saturday, Jan. 16 • All day
Join us for a day of dragon fun celebrating Shaker's very own Serafina. All ages welcome!
Main Library, Children's Room



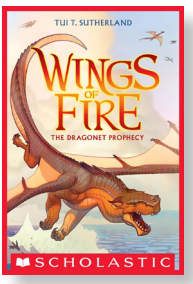
Mini Makers **Thursdays • 4 - 5 p.m.** Try a new craft! *Main Library, Sussex Room*
- Dec. 10 – *Painting*
- Jan. 14 – *Jewelry-Making*
- Feb. 11 – *Perler Beads*



Read to a Dog **Mondays, Dec. 28, Jan. 25, and Feb. 22 • 4 - 5:30 p.m.** Did you know that some dogs love to listen to stories? Register for a 15-minute timeslot to read to a certified therapy dog. *Main Library, Sussex Room*



Graphic Novel Book Club **Wednesdays • 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Pick up a copy at the Checkout Desk before our meeting. Please register. *Main Library, Sussex Room*
- Dec. 16 – *Reader's Choice - A book you've never read before*
- Jan. 20 – *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy*
- Feb. 17 – *Max and the Midknights*



RedRover Readers **Monday, Jan. 11 • 4 - 5 p.m.** Learn compassion for animals with a story, activity, and special animal guest! RedRover Readers, a national program, is dedicated to fostering empathy and social emotional skills. Registration encouraged. Ages 5–11.
Main Library, Sussex Room



Storytime

Storytime will take a break December 13 - January 3.

Main

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.

Woods

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.

Evening Storytime
Mondays at 6 p.m.

Family Playroom 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.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover **Thursday, January 28 • 5 - 6 p.m.** Bring your stuffed animal to the library for a storytime! Stuffies can stay overnight for a sleepover and go home with a special book to remember their fun night at the library. Registration required. *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 Branch

Monday and Wednesday
1 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday
Closed

Closures

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25

Day After Christmas
Saturday, December 26

New Year's Eve
Thursday, December 31
Both library locations close at 5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1



Moreland Resource Fair

Saturday, Jan. 23 • 1 - 4 p.m.
Moreland Neighbor Network and Shaker Library host a Resource Fair gathering local organizations, agencies, and service providers. Browse tables of information, services, and tools to help you navigate life's challenges. *Main Library*

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Shaker Library

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