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Event Guide



December 2025 - February 2026

Shaker Library

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Author Visit: Build a Snowman with Jashar Awan

Saturday, Dec. 6
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Shaker Main Library



Meet children's book author and illustrator Jashar Awan. Enjoy a reading of his book *I'm Going to Build a Snowman* and make a special snowman craft.



Building the Beloved Community



All-Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Sunday, Jan. 18 • Location and time TBD • Save the date for our annual community meal and discussion!

African American Quilt & Doll Guild Exhibit

February 1 - 28 @ Main Library

The African American Quilt and Doll Guild exhibits beautiful quilts to observe and celebrate Black History.



History of the Civil Rights Movement to Desegregate Public Schools in Cleveland **Sunday, Feb. 8 • 2 - 3 p.m.** In April 1964, Donna McIntyre, a 10th grader, joined 95% of the Black students across the district to protest against school segregation. Now, Dr. Donna McIntyre Whyte will share the circumstances that led to the boycott and the history of community activism for racial equality and social justice in public schools. *Main Library*

African American Quilt and Doll Guild Reception
Sunday, Feb. 8 • 3 - 4 p.m. After Dr. Whyte's talk, join us for a reception to celebrate the gallery display. *Main Library*

Garden City Dreams: Shaker Heights & the Van Sweringens **Thursday, Jan. 15 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.** Learn how the Van Sweringen brothers designed Shaker Heights, Ohio's first planned garden-style suburb. Presented as part of the America 250-Ohio celebration. *Main Library*

Ongoing Classes at the Library



Intermediate American Sign Language **Mondays, Dec. 1 - Jan. 12 • 7 - 8 p.m.** Ideal for those who've completed our beginner course or have basic ASL knowledge. Registration required. No new students admitted after Dec. 15. *Main Library*

Coffee & Community **Wednesdays • 10 - 11 a.m.** Enjoy a beverage, conversation, and activity each week. No class on 12/24 & 12/31. *Main Library*

Tai Chi **Thursdays • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** This exercise helps lower blood pressure and improves balance. Please register. No class on 12/4, 12/25, and 1/1. *Main Library*

Chair Yoga **Fridays • 10 - 11 a.m.** Short meditation and yoga with the support of a chair. Please register. No class on 12/5 and 12/26. *Main Library*

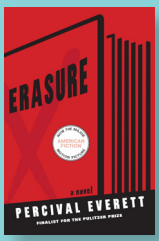
Trivia Night @ Woods! **Wednesdays, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4 • 7– 8 p.m.** Join us on the first Wednesday of the month for a fun-filled trivia night. *Bertram Woods Branch*

African American Genealogical Society of Cleveland Program **Saturdays, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28 • 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Beginning and advanced family history researchers welcome. Attend in person or virtually on Zoom. Email aags.wm1@gmail.com for the Zoom link. *Main Library*

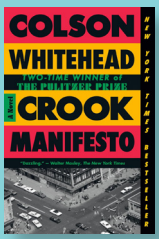
Book Discussions

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.
Jan. 5 - *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill
Feb. 2 - *Erasure* by Percival Everett



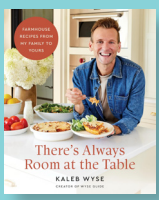
Book Buzz at Main Library
Tuesdays • 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 16 - *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Jan. 20 - *The Lantern of Lost Memories* by Sanaka Hiiragi
Feb. 17 - *Crook Manifesto* by Colson Whitehead



Mystery Book Discussion at Main Library
Tuesdays • 7 - 8 p.m.
Dec. 9 - *A Winter Grave* by Peter May
Jan. 13 - *Death at White Hart* by Chris Chibnall
Feb. 10 - *The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict



Cook the Book at Main Library
Wednesdays • 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Dec. 3 - *Six Ingredients with Six Sisters' Stuff* by Six Sisters' Stuff
Jan. 7 - *There's Always Room at the Table* by Kaleb Wyse
Feb. 4 - *What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking* by Caroline Chambers



Get Crafting at Main Library

Winter Season Greeting Cards – Green Edition
Wednesday, Dec. 10 • 6 - 7:30 p.m. Create green greeting cards with pressed flowers, leaves, pinecones, and more!

Design Your Own Jewelry **Wednesday, Jan. 14 • 6 - 8 p.m.** Make jewelry with fabric, beads, and German silver charms.

Cricut Crafternoons



Journals and Planners
Saturday, Jan. 17 • 2 - 3:30 p.m. Use the Cricut to customize your journals, planners, and calendars so you're motivated to stay organized all year long. *Main Library, The Workshop*



Valentine's Day Cards
Saturday, Feb. 7 • 3 - 4:30 p.m. Craft a one-of-a-kind Valentine's Day card with the Cricut. *Main Library, The Workshop*

Knit, Crochet, and So Much More!
Wednesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21*, Feb. 18 • 7 - 8 p.m. Stitch with the support of an expert. Beginners welcome. Bring your yarn and needles. *Bertram Woods Branch*



Join us for a Craft Materials Swap at our Jan. 21 meeting! Bring yarn, fabric, and other supplies to swap.

Get help from a tech expert!

Need personalized technology assistance? Meet with a tech expert who can help you with everything from setting up an email account to using Microsoft Office.



Make an appointment at events.shakerlibrary.org/appointments, or drop in for Open Hours:

Mondays • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesdays • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Every other Thursday • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Main Library, Tech Studio

Creative Spaces Orientation

Saturday, Jan. 24 • 2 - 3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Learn about the equipment and software available in our Creative Spaces, from the Cricut and heat press to the button maker and digitizers in the Tech Studio. *Main Library*





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

Mini Makers **Saturdays • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Kids ages 4 - 13 with a caregiver will use Creative Space equipment for crafting. *Main Library*

- 12/13: Jam Jar Snowglobes
- 1/10: Snowmen Bookmarks
- 1/24: Edible Snowflakes
- 2/21: Hot Chocolate Cup Sleeves



Playtime at Bertram Woods **Fridays • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Grow your child's imagination with a rotation of toys and activities. No sessions Dec. 5, Dec. 19, Dec. 26, Jan. 2 & Feb. 20 *Bertram Woods Branch*

After School Art

Main Library • Tuesdays, Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Bertram Woods • Thursdays, Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 15 & 29, Feb. 12 & 26, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



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Storytime

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No storytime on Jan. 19

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.

Pajama Storytime
Mondays at 7 p.m.

Pizza Party Storytime

Wednesday, Feb. 11 • 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Join us for stories and a pizza-inspired snack. Registration required.
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.

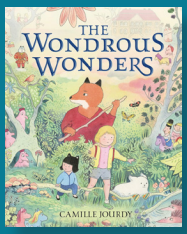
Sign up for a session at events.shakerlibrary.org.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Wednesday, Jan. 14 • 5 - 6 p.m. Bring your stuffed animal to the library for a storytime! Stuffies can go home with a book too. Registration Required. *Main Library, Sussex Room*



Graphic Novel Book Club **Wednesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, & Feb. 18 • 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*

- Dec. 17 – *The Wondrous Wonders*
- Jan. 21 – *Comics Squad: Recess*
- Feb. 18 – *Lucy & Andy Neanderthal*



RedRover Readers **Mondays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9 • 4 - 5 p.m.** Learn compassion for animals with a story and activity. Registration encouraged. Ages 5–11. *Main Library, Sussex Room*



Hot Chocolate & Community **Tuesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 6 & 20, and Feb. 3 & 17 • 4 - 5 p.m.** Enjoy hot chocolate, an activity and meet new friends. *Main Library, Children's Room*

Read to a Dog **Dec. 22, Jan 26, and Feb. 23 • 4 - 5:30 p.m.** School age children register for a 15-minute timeslot to read to a certified therapy dog. *Main Library, Sussex Room*



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The Roundtable **Mondays, Dec.1 & 15, Jan. 5, & Feb. 2 • 4 - 5 p.m.** Set a positive tone for the week with this gathering designed specially for teens to talk, learn or share a skill, and eat while we do. *Main Library, Mercer Room*

Middle School Matchup **Wednesdays, Dec.10 & 17, Jan. 14, 21 & 28, and Feb. 11 & 18 • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** Play games from Switch to classic board games. *Bertram Woods Branch, Community Room*

Mock Interview **Tuesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 6 & 20, and Feb. 3 & 17 • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Practice, receive feedback, and learn to ace future job interviews. Sign up for a 30 minute session. For grades 9 - 12. *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Quests for Candy **Fridays Dec. 12, Jan. 9 & 23, and Feb. 6 & 20 • 4 - 5 p.m.** Need something extra to add to your resume? Lend a hand, earn some candy, and gain skills! *Main Library, Teen Room*

Anime Club **Mondays, Jan. 12 & 26 and Feb. 9 & 23 • 4 - 5 p.m.** Enjoy classic and new Anime through discussion, creation, and food. *Main Library, Mercer Room*

D&D Character Prep **Monday, Feb. 9 • 3 - 4 p.m.** Prep D&D characters for the mini D&D game on Tuesday, Feb. 10 *Main Library, Onaway Room*

D&D Mini-Game **Tuesday, Feb. 10 • 5 - 7 p.m.** Join us for a one-shot! Bring a ready made character (level 3) or grab a premade character sheet to kick off your journey. Optional prep session on Monday, Feb. 9 *Main Library, Onaway Room*

Quarterly Birthday Party
Bertram Woods • Wednesday, Feb. 25, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Main Library • Thursday, Feb. 26, 4 - 5 p.m.

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

Delayed Opening

Friday, Dec. 5
Both library locations open at 10:30 a.m.

Closures

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25

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

New Year's Day
Thursday, Jan. 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 19



Volunteer Interest Meeting

Saturday, January 31 • 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Learn about exciting opportunities to volunteer with the Friends of the Library over donuts and coffee! Please register.
Main Library

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16500 Van Aken Blvd.
Shaker Heights, OH 44120
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