

She Read 1,000 Books!

Sarah Carey, daughter of Caitlynn Fox and Jacob Carey, has completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Sarah completed her goal on April 12, 2022. Sarah and her mom are regular patrons to the library. She is three years old and is home-schooled by her mom. Sarah loves playing with dolls, but her favorite one is a brown doll with cute shoes. Her favorite color is pink, she loves eating quesadillas with cheese, and her favorite book features Rapunzel.

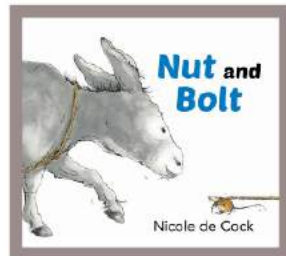


Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten can participate. Each child will receive a log to record the books with incentives being given along the way. As you read to your children, they will form a link between books and what they love most – your voice and your closeness.

Miss Jill

Coded Storywalk®

Pick up a Coded Tales sheet at the front desk to begin this month's Coded Storywalk about Nut the mouse and Bolt the donkey who are the very best of friends. That is why they will do anything for each other. At least...Nut does everything for Bolt. But does Bolt do things for his friend as well? It's a beautifully illustrated tale about a touching friendship. As you walk from business to business reading pages of this month's book, be sure to write down the code letter written beside the book pages at each stop. When you finish the story, you will have spelled out a special message that you can bring back to the library's front desk to receive a prize!



Kids Can Cook!

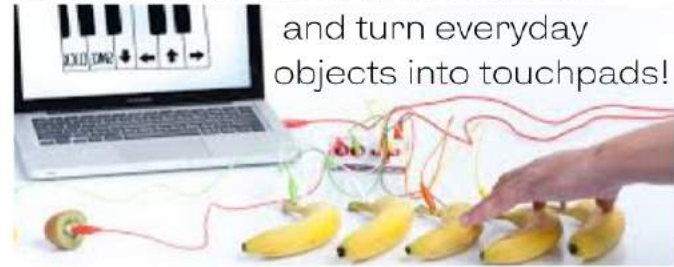
This month, Miss Jill demonstrates that a lot of things taste great with rice cereal besides marshmallows; things like cheese sticks and meatballs! This event runs from 3:00–4:00 p.m. on May 19th and has limited seating so be sure to call or stop at the front desk to reserve your child's spot. Registration begins May 10th.



Makey Makey Time!

Have you ever played the piano using fruits and vegetables?

If you're in grades 6–12, join Miss Lisa Monday, May 2nd at 5:30 in the large downstairs meeting room for Makey Makey, where you can connect the world around you to your computer



and turn everyday objects into touchpads!

Cryptic Café

Welcome to the Cryptic Café where the cases are cold but the coffee is hot!

On the second Thursday of the month, you're the detective in USCL's newest program for grades 6th–12th, Cryptic Cafe. Meet downstairs in the boardroom, pour yourself a cup of coffee, and settle in. Miss Lisa has reopened a cold case and needs your help to find answers. Each clue you discover brings you closer to the truth. Will you be the one to solve the mystery?



Please note: If school is cancelled or not in session, youth and children's programs for that day are also canceled except for Storytime.

MAY 2022

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Upper Sandusky Community Library



Events

- 1st: New Storywalk
- 2nd: STEAMPunks
- 5th: Book Talk
- 11th: TV Trivia Quizbowl
- 12th: Craft Party!
- 12th: Cryptic Café
- 17th: Common Readers
- 18th: Bee-Safe Self-Defense Class
- 19th: Kids Can Cook
- 23rd: Lunch Bunch
- 25th: Inglorious Bookworms
- 30th: Closed to observe Memorial Day

Pet Month at USCL!

Author Mark Rubinstein said "Having a dog or cat will open your heart. Reading a book will open your mind. Having both a pet and a book... absolute heaven." At USCL, we couldn't agree more and so we invite you to celebrate Pet Month and the furry sidekicks in your life by donating needed items to the Wyandot County Humane Society. This one of a kind shelter's policy is to "never turn any animal away, regardless of the kind of animal, what county it is from, or the reason it has to be surrendered." They also do not charge for surrendering an animal, although donations are greatly appreciated. To track your donations, be sure to check out the Rescue Rascal the Cat display by our front door. Sadly, she's gotten herself stuck in a tree but for every 20 items, she will let herself be lured down a branch until we can reunite her once again with her owner. We encourage you to offer your support and contributions to this tireless organization that is vital to our community, both human and animal!



Crafty Cats!

The celebration continues with Craft Party on Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m.! Join Rachel as she shows you how to make a Tabby Cat Vase Planter perfect for cat grass—or chives if you don't have a kitty companion—then make catnip toys to donate to the Humane Society. It's an evening of snacks and crafts that you're sure to enjoy! Registration for this no-cost program begins on May 2nd. Adults only, please.



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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.

TV Trivia Binge Bowl!

All those weekends spent in front of the television has led to this moment. Trivia night is back on May 11th at 6:00 p.m. and is ready to test your knowledge of all things TV, from side kicks to theme songs.

There will be five TV program-related categories with ten questions each. Participants will receive points for correctly

answering questions that will be tallied at the end of the game.

The winner will receive a gift card to a local restaurant and claim the Ugly Trophy as reigning champion until the next Trivia Bowl.

So come by yourself or gather some couch potatoes and bring a team. We'll have the popcorn ready. (Cue theme song.)



TECH connect

Let a member of our staff assist you with your technology questions every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to come prepared with your device (phone, tablet, laptop, etc.), a charge cord, and your necessary usernames and passwords.

We'll try our best to answer questions and help you learn about your new device or try to help you find someone who can! Appointments may also be scheduled if a question needs to be further researched or if you cannot attend the designated Tech Connect hour.

Self-Defense Class

USCL welcomes Bee-Safe's personal security instructor, Jeremy Blanton, on Wednesday, May 18th at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room downstairs. Using members of the audience, he will demonstrate multiple techniques used in personal self-defense. There is no sign-up necessary for this class.



Click It or Ticket Kick-Off

Wyandot County Public Health will continue its series of monthly programs with the Click It or Ticket Kickoff Exhibit at 6 p.m. May 19 in USCL's large meeting room.

Most Wyandot County residents buckle up. But the annual Click It or Ticket kickoff campaign, launched in the county each year by the Wyandot County Safe Communities Coalition, aims to bring the lifesaving message to the remainder of Wyandot County residents who do not regularly use seat belts.

Helping to support this message, Upper Sandusky and Mohawk High School students have created videos for the social media platform TikTok encouraging their peers and all Wyandot County residents to buckle up. The exhibit will feature these student videos, with the three overall winners announced at the event.

Opening the event will be Wyandot County Sheriff Todd Frey.

This year, younger students also may participate in the event with a coloring contest. Submissions will be displayed at the library and winners in each age group will be announced during the program.

To attend the event virtually visit <https://bit.ly/3vqU2Nw>



Common Readers

Be a part of the Common Readers Book Club as they discuss this month's feature book, *Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio* by Derf Backderf Johnson about the tragic and unforgettable story of the Kent State shootings as told through graphic novel form.

Ask at the front desk for your copy of this month's read or check it out on Libby or Hoopla.

Krystal Smalley will be leading the discussion on May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room.



Book Talk

Join the conversation with Krystal and other book lovers as they share their thoughts about what they are reading, their suggestions for new authors and genres, and reviews. Book Talk meets at 11 a.m. on May 5th in USCL's downstairs boardroom.

Everyone is welcome!



Lunch Bunch

Celebrate the season with recipes that remind you of Spring. Share lunch and your recipes with Cheryl on May 23rd @ noon in USCL's large meeting room.

Sugar Snap Pea Salad with Sweet Lemon and Mustard Dressing

- 1 1/2 lb. sugar snap peas, strings removed
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 6 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. granulated sugar
- 4 Tbsp. finely minced scallions
- Salt and white pepper

Bring salted water to boil in a vegetable steamer. Add peas and simmer, covered, for 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Run under cold water to stop further cooking and drain on paper towels. Place in serving bowl and set aside. In a small jar, combine the lemon juice, oil, mustard, and sugar. Cover tightly and shake until the mixture is smooth and blended. Add the scallions, season with salt and pepper, and pour the dressing over the peas. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours before serving.

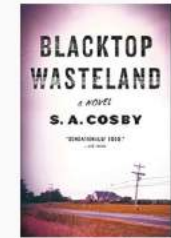
Want more recipes like this? Check out the book! *Fresh from the Garden* by Perla Meyers



Inglorious Bookworms

Make way for the Inglorious Bookworms Book Club where each month will feature a different genre that you can dive into or skip.

This month, get taken away by suspense with S.A. Cosby's *Blacktop Wasteland*, an "emotionally charged thriller/character study about a man willing to commit one last crime to save his family and livelihood." Krystal Smalley will lead the discussion on May 25th at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs boardroom.



A Puzzling Situation....

Exercise your mind and visit awhile! Located in front of our adult section, we invite you take part in putting together our community puzzle. Puzzle sizes range from 500 to 1000 pieces and usually take a week or two to complete. If you'd rather work a puzzle at home, feel free

to take one from our free puzzle section. We also gladly accept puzzle donations--with all their pieces, please!



"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside a dog, it's too dark to read."

Groucho Marx