

1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Another area child has joined the ranks of fellow readers who have read 1,000 books before kindergarten. Ella Snyder, daughter of Melissa Snyder, recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at USCL.

She started the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on November 28, 2020, and reached her goal on August 15, 2022.

Ella, who is five years old, often attends library programs. She loves eating green beans, pizza, and dunking her chicken in ketchup. Ella's favorite color is pink, but her second favorite color is the rainbow. As for books, her two favorites are "Old Mother Hubbard" and "Tick Tock Tell the Time" by Kate Davies. "It was so fun because turning the clock was fun," Ella said.

Ella loves going to the park to play on the slide and make new friends. She also enjoys camping and swinging and began kindergarten at East Elementary School this year. 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.

Sincerely,
Miss Jill



STEAMPUNKS!

STEAMPUNKS, are you ready for something a little ghostly?

Miss Lisa invites you get creative-and creepy-on Monday, October 17th* at 5:30 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room as you decorate your own haunted house!

Wooden houses and materials are all provided, you just design all the things that go bump in the night!



*Due to Columbus day, STEAMPUNKS has been moved to the 3rd Monday for October only.

Storytime

Tiny Tots Storytime
(ages 0-3):

**Monday 10:00 a.m.,
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.,
Wednesday 11:00 a.m.**

Preschool Storytime
(ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.



Coded Storywalk

Pick up a Coded Tales sheet at the front desk and head to the library vestibule to begin this month's Coded Storywalk, *Pumpkin Heads* by Wendell Minor. The perfect holiday read aloud, *Pumpkin Heads* takes readers and trick-or-treaters from the pumpkin patch for picking, all the way home for carving, and gets everyone in the Halloween spirit.

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!



That Thursday Thing!

Join us every Thursday that school is in session from 3:00-4:00 when the children's and youth department team up to host games and activities for all ages complete with fun snacks and plenty of time to hang out with friends. It's an hour they won't want to miss!

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October Events

- 1st: New Storywalk
- 5th: Hocus Pocus Interactive Movie
- 6th: Book Talk
- 10th: Closed
- 13th: Craft Party!
- 17th: STEAMPUNKS
- 18th: Common Readers
- 22nd: Trail of Terror
- 24th: Lunch Bunch
- 26th: Inglorious Bookworms
- 27th: Spooky Health Phenomena
- 27th-29th: Clothing Swap Donation Drop-off

It's All a Bunch of Hocus Pocus!

Ready for an interactive movie night for adults and teens? Be careful what you wish for because it's all a bunch of hocus pocus when the Sanderson sisters fly into town!

Join library staff for "It's All a Bunch of Hocus Pocus: An Interactive Movie Night" at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5th in the library's large meeting room. When you arrive, you'll get your movie kit filled with items to help you participate as famous lines and scenes happen in the movie. Then fill your plate with delicious movie themed appetizers and get ready to watch "Hocus Pocus" while having a spooky amount of fun.

Registration is required and begins September 26th. Space is limited. The program is intended for adults and teens ages 15 and up.



Trail of Terror 2: Campfire Edition

If you're in the Halloween mood and don't mind a few shivers down your spine, then sign up for USCL's Trail of Terror 2: Campfire Edition.

Settle around campfires in the woods of Harrison-Smith Park to hear hair-raisingly eerie stories on the evening of Saturday, October 22nd. But, beware! As you move from campfire to campfire, you may encounter ghostly haunts angry at their stories being told for your entertainment.

This event is ideal for ages 10 and up. Due to the sometimes graphic nature of the stories, parental discretion is advised. To take part in the Trail of Terror, register for the program at usclibrary.org or call the library at 419-294-1345 beginning October 1st. Sign up is required to attend the Trail of Terror.

Participants should enter Harrison-Smith Park at the main entrance and park near the log cabin located at the southeast corner of the park.



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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.

voice: 419-294-1345 fax: 419-294-4499

Spooky Health Phenomena

Celebrate the spooky season with Wyandot County Public Health at its Spooky Health Phenomena program at 6:00 p.m. October 27th in USCL's large meeting room.

This family-friendly program will share some of the best spooky, creepy, yucky, and down-right interesting things our bodies do. Learn eerie facts about the foods we eat, and revel in the gross fun that germs and illness bring to the table. You won't want to miss this hair-raising event!



The Clothing Swap is Back!

Clothing Swap returns to USCL this month just in time to liven up your fall fashion wardrobe. Here's how it works:

- Go through your closets and find items that no longer "spark joy" or clothing that looks great...on someone else!
- Between October 27th and 29th, bring in your donations of:
 - men's, women's, or children's clothing
 - belts and shoes
 - hats, purses or jewelry
- Return and fill up those empty hangers in your closet on November 3rd through 5th from library opening until 30 minutes before closing time.

No donation? No problem. Everyone is welcome to shop to shop the swap for free clothes!



Inglorious Bookworms

This month, this genre book club explores Fantasy Fiction with *The Black Tongue Thief* by Christopher Buehlman in which common enemies and uncommon dangers force a thief and a knight on an epic journey where honor is a luxury few can afford.

Ask at the front desk for your copy today. It is also available for digital download on the Libby app. Then, take part in the discussion at 6:30 p.m. on October 26th in USCL's downstairs meeting room. See you there!



Common Readers

Be a part of the Common Readers Book Club as they discuss this month's feature book, *Joyland* by Stephen King. Read the story of college student Devin Jones who takes a summer job at Joyland hoping to forget the girl who broke his heart but instead winds up facing something far more terrible: the legacy of a vicious murder, the fate of a dying child, and dark truths about life—and what comes after—that would change his world forever.

Ask at the front desk for your copy of this month's read or check it out on Libby or Hoopla. Scott Moore will be leading the discussion on October 18th at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room.



Book Talk

Did you discover a new author that has you reading through the night? Have you fallen in love with a character, a time period, or genre? Share your passion with other readers just like you at USCL's book discussion group, Book Talk! Join the conversation with Krystal and other book lovers as they converse about what they are currently reading and what topics and authors they find engaging. Book Talk meets on October 6th at 11:00 a.m. in the USCL downstairs boardroom. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Lunch Bunch

This month, try your hand at making a new dish using pumpkin or squash! Be a part of the Lunch Bunch by bringing a dish to share for lunch on October 24th at noon in USCL's large meeting room. Everyone is welcome!

Pumpkin Biscuits

- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. fine sea salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil



Preheat oven to 450°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. In a large bowl, whisk together the pumpkin puree, egg, milk, and oil. Pour the dry mixture over the wet mixture. Stir gently until a sticky batter forms. Spoon the batter into 12 mounds on the prepared baking sheet. Bake until golden brown, 10-12 minutes.



If you enjoyed this month's suggested recipe, find more easy and applicable recipes like it in *Good Cheap Eats: Dinner in 30 Minutes (or Less!)* by Jessica Fisher

Halloween Craft Party!

Let USCL help you celebrate the season with spooky crafts to decorate your home. Join Rachel on Thursday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m. to create bejeweled spiders using lightbulbs and wire. Keep the shivers going by designing your own Halloween sign using decoupage, ribbons, glitter...and a little bit of creative magic. Put them both together to design an eerily perfect Halloween display! With prizes, snacks and crafts, let USCL's Halloween Craft Party kick-off your haunting season right! Registration is required for this program. To register, stop at the front desk or call 419-294-1345.



Spice It Up!

It's the time of year for cool autumn evenings, Halloween parties, and tailgating with your fellow football fans. Nothing goes better with all these celebrations than a hot bowl of chili. Patti has put together a chili spice pack for you full of those deep flavors that keep you coming back for more...and more! You can pick up your free Spice It Up packet at the end cap near the cookbooks in the adult non-fiction section.



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!

In Memory Of
Maxine Walton by Mark and Rebecca Romich