

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Adelynn Hemminger, daughter of Alinda Rosvanis, has completed USCL's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Adelynn started the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on February 4, 2020 and reached the goal on July 10, 2023. She came to the library quite often with her Mom. Several things Adelynn enjoys doing are playing tag, running races, riding her scooter and riding her bike (no training wheels!).

Her favorite foods are pepperoni pizza, salami and cookies. She likes all the colors of the rainbow and even paints pictures of rainbows. She will be starting kindergarten this fall. Any child from birth until he or she enters 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



Every Thursday that school is in session, kids of all ages are invited to attend That Thursday Thing from 3:00-4:00.

Each week, the children and youth department team up to host games and activities that encourage kids to interact in positive and creative ways with each other and our staff. There's often fun snacks and plenty of time to hang out with friends. It's an hour they won't want to miss!

Back to School Bash!

It's time to head back to school.... and to the library!

Children and teens are invited to Join Miss Lisa and Miss Jill on the lawn for a back to school cookout on Wednesday, August 23rd at 3:00. There will be food and games and plenty of time to catch up with your friends after the summer break. The party goes on rain or shine and everything is free!

Just a reminder...

There will be no Storytime or Tiny Tots during the month of August. Storytime and Tiny Tots will return on September 5th

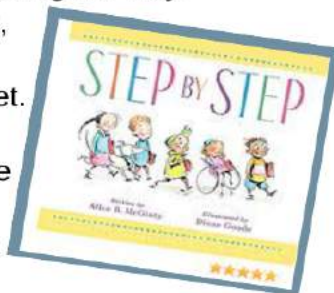


Take a Storywalk

Start your Storywalk at USCL's front window and follow this month's storybook page by page through uptown!

This month meet a little boy who is just starting school. On the morning of the first day, his father reassures him: when things seem overwhelming, take it step by step! Whether it is making new friends, learning to write and count, or cleaning up a big mess at the end of the day, he can get through it all and have fun along the way.

Before you begin your walk, stop at the front desk and pick up a Coded Tales sheet. As you walk from business to business, be sure to write down the code letter located at each stop. When you finish the story, you should have spelled out a special message that you can bring back to the library's front desk to pick a prize!



AUGUST 2023

COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



It's Book Sale Time!

It's finally here--the Friends of the Library Book Sale at USCL! If you are a member of the Friends of the Library, the sale begins Wednesday evening with a members only night. Then, the sale opens to the public on Thursday, August 10th and will run through Saturday August 12th in the downstairs large meeting room.



We encourage you to bring a bag (wheeled cart...truck?) to help you as you shop for your literary treasures. The sale will begin when the library opens and will continue until 30 minutes before close.

Book Sale Price List

Hardcover books	\$0.50
Trade paperbacks	\$0.50
Mass market paperbacks	\$0.25
CDs & DVDs	\$0.50

August Events

- 1st: New Storywalk
- 3rd: Book Talk
- 7th: Last day for book donations
- 10th-12th: Book Sale
- 15th: Common Readers
- 23rd: Inglorious Bookworms
- 28th: Lunch Bunch



Become a Friend of the Library

If you're looking for a place to volunteer, become a Friend of the Library! This group supports the library by fundraising and sponsoring programs that encourage creativity and promote literacy. They also assist with delivery of materials to homebound patrons.

The Friends even reach out beyond traditional library services to offer a Secret Santa Shop allowing children to shop for gifts for friends and family at kid-friendly prices.

Also, as a Friend, you can come to a members only preview book sale on Wednesday evening. Membership is only \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. Stop at USCL's front desk for an application today!

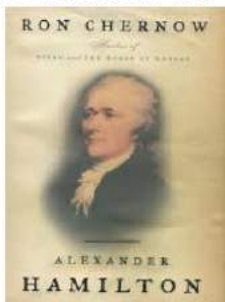


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COMMON READERS

Join the Common Readers on August 15th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this month's featured book, *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow. Copies of this book are available at the front desk and it is available for download on Libby.

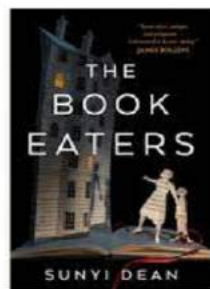
Few figures in American history have been more hotly debated or more grossly misunderstood than Alexander Hamilton. Chernow's biography gives Hamilton his due and sets the record straight, deftly illustrating that the political and economic greatness of today's America is the result of Hamilton's countless sacrifices to champion ideas that were often wildly disputed during his time. Chernow's biography is not just a portrait of Hamilton, but the story of America's birth seen through its most central figure.



INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Join Krystal on August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs meeting room to take part in this genre-focused book club. This month, they will be discussing the fantasy genre with Sunyi Dean's *The Book Eaters*.

Out on the Yorkshire Moors lives a secret line of people for whom books are food, and who retain all of a book's content after eating it. Devon is part of The Family, an old and reclusive clan of book eaters. Her brothers grow up feasting on stories of valor and adventure, and Devon—like all other book eater women—is raised on a carefully curated diet of fairy tales and cautionary stories. But real life doesn't always come with happy endings, as Devon learns when her son is born with a darker kind of hunger—for human minds.



Ready for Greatness?

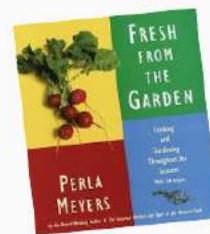
There's a fountain of knowledge tucked away by the magazine section. Okay, it's a book shelf and not a fountain but it is practically gushing with amazing new things to learn!

Great Courses allows you to open your world to new and exciting topics taught by professors from leading colleges including Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Most courses come with a DVD and course book that assist you in learning at your own pace and in your own time. With a wide range of topics like Photography, Sewing, Mythology of the World, and American Ideals--and so much more--there is something for everyone to learn and enjoy. Check one out today!



It's in the Bag

Did you know USCL offers a tote exchange? Like the paperback books, patrons will be free to donate their gently used totes or to take a tote from our display beside the magazines. Just stop by the front desk to let us know that you are taking a tote so that we can keep track of how the community is enjoying this resource!



If you've enjoyed this recipe, find more delicious ideas in *Fresh From the Garden* by Perla Meyers located in the 641.65 section of our non-fiction area

Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on August 28th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch, where friends gather to share a meal and recipes. This month, make a dish with the fresh produce from your garden...or the grocery store. Be sure to bring along the recipe to share.

Corn and Zucchini Fritters

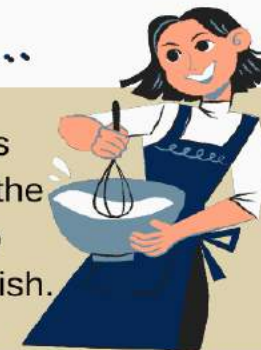
- 1 cup cooked fresh corn kernels, lightly minced (about 2 ears)
- 5 Tbsps. all-purpose flour
- 4 extra-large eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tsp. grated onion
- 4 Tbsps. finely grated zucchini skin
- Coarse salt and ground white pepper
- Corn oil for sauteing

Combine cooked corn, flour, eggs, cream, and zucchini in a mixing bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk until well blended. Let the batter rest for 30 minutes.

Cook the fritters in batches of about 4-6 fritters per batch. For each batch, heat 1 Tbsp of corn oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Drop the batter by the tablespoon into the hot oil, without crowding the skillet. Cook for about 1 minute per side or until nicely browned. Sprinkle with a little coarse salt and serve hot.

Cheryl says...

Since the flesh of zucchini is quite watery, is best to use the skin and only one quarter to one half of the pulp in this dish.



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The 100 Book Club

Have you heard? USCL introduced a prestigious club for avid readers: The 100 Book Club. To become part of this elite group, sign up at the front desk and take the Eight-Point-Three Challenge with a goal to read 100 books in a year's timeframe, or an average of 8.3 books per month. If you meet that goal, you will be inducted into the 100 Book Club, receive a free t-shirt and be invited to a special reception. For more information and program guidelines, call or visit USCL's front desk.

What are YOU reading?

Book Talk at USCL!
August 3rd @ 11:00 a.m.

In Memory of...

Gracie by Heather and Avery Heil