

A Roar of Approval!

Congratulations to Patti and Tony Davidson for winning the "Can I Jurassic You a Question?" Trivia contest in November. I wonder if they know any dinosaur recipes?

A Winter Adventure

Are you ready for an adventure, STEAMPunks? Join Miss Lisa and be whisked away on an enchanting escape room journey that will captivate your imagination! You'll meet magical and quizzing characters and help them as they aid the forest Wisp in time for the Winter Faire. It all happens on January 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs large meeting room. Come ready to test your skills...and eat pizza!



Warms hands...warm heart



One hundred and seven items were brought in for the Mitten Tree. They will be distributed to local families taking part in Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Thank you for your donations!

Take a Winter Walk

Storywalk continues this month with *Ten on the Sled* by Kim Norman, who puts a delightful twist on the favorite children's song "Ten on the Bed." All the animals are having fun speeding down the hill on Caribou's sled. But as they go faster and faster, Seal, Hare, Walrus, and the others all fall off until just the caribou is left. Now, a reindeer likes flying, but never alone, so . . . all the animals leap onto the sled again! Before you begin your walk, stop at the front desk and pick up a Coded Tales sheet. As you walk from business to business, reading pages of this month's book, 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 receive a prize!



Storytime with Miss Jill

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.

Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 0-3):

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



THAT THURSDAY THING

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. Don't miss it!

In Memorial

SCOTT LINHART

BY STEVE AND VIKI WASHBURN



JANUARY 2023

COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



January Events

- 2nd: CLOSED
- 3rd: New Storywalk
- 3rd: Winter Reading begins
- 5th: Book Talk
- 16th: CLOSED
- 17th: Common Readers
- 21st: Jigsaw Puzzle Contest
- 23rd: Lunch Bunch
- 23rd Taste of the World
- 25th: Inglorious Bookworms

Putting the Pieces Together

As January's chill makes itself known, we turn to one of our favorite indoor pastimes (in addition to reading of of course): puzzles! Join Cheryl as she takes your jigsaw skills to the next level with a puzzle contest on Saturday, January 21st at 9:30 a.m. in USCL's large meeting room. Teams of two will test their puzzling prowess by attempting to place the most pieces of a 500-piece puzzle in 2 hours. All the puzzles will be the same to even the playing field. After the two hour time limit, a grand prize will be awarded! To take part, register your team of two (one person must be an adult) beginning January 3rd.



Did you know...

- Enigmatology is the study of puzzles.
- The most difficult jigsaw puzzle is printed on both sides!

Puzzling Questions:

- **Do I need my card to check out a puzzle?**
No, just stop at the front desk and let us know how many you are taking. We record how many puzzles go out in order to gauge the interest in this service.
- **Where do I find the puzzles?**
The puzzles are located in the adult section on the shelves across from the magazines. They are arranged according to piece count.
- **Can I donate puzzles to the library?**
Absolutely! Bring your donations (with all their pieces, please) to the front desk. We like to keep track of how many are donated as well.
- **How long can I keep a puzzle?**
We all work at our own pace so keep puzzles as long as you like!



Connect with us! www.usclibrary.org or uscl@seolibraries.org
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.

The Cabin Fever Reliever!

January 3rd-February 3rd

January is the perfect time to catch up on your reading and USCL wants to support you in your reading goals! Beginning January 3rd, sign up for the Cabin Fever Reliever Winter Reading Program. Each time you check out books, you'll receive a scratch-off ticket for a chance at a prize. Then turn your ticket over and fill out an entry for our Night on the Town Grand Prize drawing. We'll draw for the grand prize on February 6th and the winner will be notified by phone...just in time for your Valentine plans.

So stop in and pick out your new favorite book, sign up at the front desk, and cuddle up for a winter read by the fire (Netflix fires totally count).



By the Numbers

Items Borrowed New Patrons

91,986 **528**

Hot-Spot circulations

373

Borrowing items means you saved

\$253,508

Last Year...

INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Join Krystal on the fourth Wednesday of the month 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 and P. Djeli Clark's *A Master Of Djinn*.

Fatma el-Sha'arawi is the youngest woman working for the Ministry of Alchemy, Enchantments and Supernatural Entities. When murder occurs in a secret brotherhood dedicated to al-Jahiz, the man who opened up the veil between the magical and mundane realms and then vanished, Agent Fatma is called onto the case.



January 25th @ 6:30

Books to Order

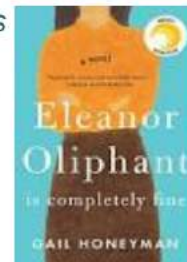
Not finding what you're looking for on our shelves? Let us order it for you! USCL is part of a consortium of libraries that work together to get you the books and other materials you need. There is no shipping cost and most check-out times are exactly what you have locally. Items usually arrive within 10 days. New items and those with existing holds may take longer. When you are finished, simply return your materials to USCL and we'll take care of shipping it back!

COMMON READERS

You've submitted your suggestions and voted on your favorites. Now, its time to read! Join the Common Readers on the third Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 to begin the year with *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend.

Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled existence. Except, sometimes, everything...



January 17th @ 6:30

Taste of the Town Goes Global!

Bring the world to your kitchen when you attend Taste of the World on Monday, January 23rd at 1:00 p.m. with Patti Davidson and her husband Tony. In this bi-monthly program, they will entertain and introduce you to flavors from around the world using that month's free Spice It Up pack.

In January, celebrate Chinese New Year by learning how to make a Chinese dish using Yum Yum sauce; a recipe sure to live up to its name!

Seats are limited so registration is required.

You can sign up by stopping at the front desk or by calling **419-294-1345** beginning January 11th. Taste the world...no passport required!



Let Us Help!



Do you have a friend or a loved one who is unable to leave their home due to lack of transportation, disability, or illness? USCL's Homebound Services will deliver reading materials, audio books, and DVDs right to their door at no cost. Simply have them fill out a form telling us their preferences, number of items they would like, and how often they should be delivered. Then a library volunteer will deliver their requests and pick them up again. More information and forms are available at USCL's front desk.

Craft Party's New Schedule!



Attention Crafters! Craft Party is now a bi-monthly program. There will be no program in January. Craft Party will return on February 9th at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to watch Facebook and next month's newsletter for more information.

Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, January 23rd at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch where friends gather to share a meal and recipes. Bring a dish to share featuring this month's theme of soup and bread

Ginger Chicken Zoodle Soup

2 zucchini	1 carrot sliced
Salt	1 celery stalk, minced
1 Tbsp. canola oil	8 cups low-sodium chicken stock
1 Tbsp. minced peeled ginger	4 cups shredded, cooked chicken
2 garlic cloves, minced	

Trim the stem ends from the zucchini and half them widthwise. One at a time, run them through a spiralizer on the smallest noodle setting. Spread the noodles out in a colander and generously season them with salt. Place the colander in the sink and let it sit for 10 minutes. In a large pot over medium heat, heat the canola oil. Add the ginger, garlic, carrot, celery and a pinch of salt. Cook for 5 minutes until vegetables begin to soften, being careful not to burn the garlic. Add the chicken stock and bring the soup to a simmer. Cook for 5 minutes. Rinse the zucchini noodles under cool running water and squeeze excess moisture from the noodles with your hands. Add the noodles and chicken to the pot. Simmer 2-3 minutes until just heated through. Serve immediately.

Cheryl says...

Don't have a spiralizer? Check the produce section for packaged zoodles where the fresh bagged vegetables are located.



For more delicious recipes, check out the **Essential Soup Cookbook** by Janet Zimmerman in the 641 section of our non-fiction area.