

1000 Books!

David Dlubak, son of Dave and Jana Dlubak, has completed USCL's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program!



David started the program on June 25, 2021 and completed it on March 8, 2022.

He and his mom are regular patrons to the library.

David will be starting kindergarten this next

school year and enjoys playing with his Dad, riding bikes, jumping, and "playing – of course!" His favorite colors are black, white, blue, green, and the whole rainbow and his favorite foods are watermelons and blueberries. David loves the Dr. Seuss books with one of his favorites being "Go Dog Go." Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. 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 closeness.

Miss Jill

Can You Save the Day?

If you're ready to practice your skills of deduction then Miss Lisa has prepared just the thing for you!

Join the STEAMPunks, on April 4th for a new mini-escape room in which you'll work

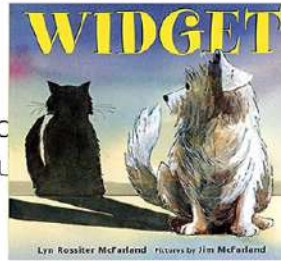


together to solve puzzles to rescue the leprechauns kidnapped by the evil gnome, Heinrich VonSchiester, and get them to the St. Patrick's Day parade on time! It all starts at 5:30 p.m. in the large meeting room.

Coded Storywalk®

Pick up a Coded Tales sheet at the front desk to begin this month's Coded Storywalk and read about a small stray dog that is accepted into a household full of cats by learning to "fit in," but when his mistress is hurt, he demonstrates that being a dog is not all bad.

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!



Crazy for Cooking!



This month Miss Jill goes bananas for bananas! She'll be showing how to make a melty banana boat you can make at home or around a campfire and a fluffy banana

mug cake perfect for dessert. This event runs from 3:00–4:00 p.m. on April 21st and has limited seating so be sure to call or stop at the front desk to reserve your child's spot. Registration begins April 11th.

Cryptic Cafe

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

On April 14th at 3:00, you're the detective in USCL's newest program for grades 6th–12th, Cryptic Café.

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?



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Upper Sandusky Community Library



April Events

- 1st: New Storywalk
- 4th: STEAMPunks
- 7th: Book Talk
- 12th: Holistic Healing
- 13th: Gardening for Health
- 14th: Craft Party!
- 19th: Common Readers
- 21st: Kids Can Cook
- 25th: Lunch Bunch
- 25th–26th: Plant Swap Drop-off
- 27th: Inglorious Bookworms
- 27th–28th: Plant Swap Pick-Up
- 28th: Plant Talk

From the Director...

When I arrived at our library nearly 10 years ago, I was thrilled to learn that we share materials with nearly 100 library systems across the state. Last year we borrowed almost 16,000 books and movies from other libraries and sent out nearly 19,000. And that's way down from 2019, when we borrowed over 24,000 and lent nearly 33,000. So the disruption in sending and receiving library materials over the past year has been challenging to me and the rest of us here at USCL, as well as to all of you who are patiently waiting to get the books or movies you have requested. These delays have resulted from a change of carriers. We expect the situation to resolve over the next several weeks. The State Library is working to clear the backlog of materials in the carrier's warehouses. Last week I made a trip with one of my coworkers to the State Library in Columbus to pick up a carload of materials they had pulled out of a warehouse. Unfortunately, there is still a



Director Kathleen Whitt

large backlog of materials that have been "in transit" for weeks or months. In the meantime, we have joined a resource sharing group with a "hub" at the Findlay–Hancock County Public Library. Holds placed on items that are available within this group of libraries are being picked up and delivered by local library staff once or twice a week. Other options available to you until we get things back to our normal delivery times are to use our Libby and Hoopla apps to read on your mobile device – or stop in and browse our collection to find books and movies waiting for you on the shelf. You may even find a new favorite!

Library Week!
April 3–9

We're celebrating National Library Week by giving you the thing you love most...BOOKS! From April 3–9, the books located in our Discards for Donation section by the back entrance will be free! Patrons are invited to take up to 5 books per day. We can't celebrate our library without celebrating you, our patrons. Thank you for your support!

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.

Hollywood is Murder!

USCL and the Star Theater are calling upon you to put your detective skills to work as they present "Hollywood Can Be Murder" on April 23rd at 1 p.m.

Be transported back to the golden age of Hollywood and to a glamorous premiere showing for a big-budget film. However, before the movie can be shown, murder is discovered and those most closely associated with the film are suspected.

This live murder mystery production will be held at the historic Star Theater and is offered at no cost, although donations will gladly be accepted and split between USCL and The Star. This presentation is recommended for adults and teens.

Detecting is hungry work so snacks will be available for purchase at the Star Theater snack bar.



Holistic Healing:

Get in touch with nature and healing with USCL's feature program focused on nurturing yourself with nature.

Library staff Patti Davidson and Jenny McKee will show attendees how to make homemade bath salts and calendula salve. Samples will be available. Holistic Healing will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up for the program begins Monday, April 4 so call or stop in to reserve your spot.

Trivia Winners!

The first Quizbowl of 2022 was all about Movie Trivia and this team really knew their stuff! Congratulations to Karen Webb, Mike Webb, Cori Schulz, Ashlie Payton, Tony Smith, and Derek Peyton.



The next Quizbowl is coming on May 11th!

Discover new books, friends, and ideas with one of USCL's book clubs.

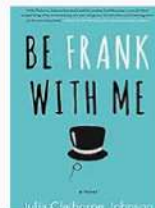
Inglorious Bookworms

Do you have a favorite reading genre but no one with whom to talk about it? Then 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, you'll dive into the fantasy genre with the award winning *Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir. Krystal Smalley will lead the discussion on April 27th at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs boardroom or you can join by Zoom.



Common Readers

Be a part of the Common Readers Book Club as they discuss this month's feature book, *Be Frank with Me* by Julia Claiborne Johnson about a captivating and unconventional mother and son, and the intrepid young woman who finds herself irresistibly pulled into their unforgettable world. Mollie Evans will be leading the discussion on April 19th 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 April 7th in the USCL downstairs boardroom. Everyone is welcome!



Gardening for Health

Spring is officially here, and Wyandot County Public Health is ready to celebrate with a program on gardening at 6 p.m. April 6 in USCL's large meeting room.

Gardening supports a healthy mind and body with opportunities for exercise and relaxation, fresh air, vitamin D, and a chance to grow healthy foods on your own. The health department's gardening committee, which helps maintain the community garden on the corner of Hicks Street and South Sandusky Avenue in Upper Sandusky, will discuss tips and tricks for growing healthy foods at home and in community spaces. Garden committee members that will be speaking are Molly



Owens, who also serves in the environmental health division, and Hanna Fox who serves in both the WIC and vital statistics divisions. Learn about the best ways to plan for and start your own garden to grow fresh food for your family. Can't be there in person? Join via Zoom!



Plant Talk!

Love to talk about plants? So does Jim Barney, a local gardener and column writer! Join Barney for Plant Talk as he discusses his 40 years of gardening experience, experimenting with different plant species, and even some tips to help your green thumb become even greener. Presented with his usual informative and funny style you've grown to love in his Daily Chief-Union columns, Barney is sure to delight plant enthusiasts and new gardeners alike. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in the library's large meeting room.



Plant and Seed Swap

You can never have too many plants... but if you're running out of room, bring some to the The Swap!

Starting April 25th, bring your healthy plants, plant starts, or seeds to the library for adoption. Please include information about what type of plant it is and how to care for it, if possible. Don't let that new space you cleared out to go to waste! Return on April 27th-28th during library hours to browse the selection of plants, herbs, seeds, and starts just awaiting their new location....your home!



Lunch Bunch

Get a Cinco de Mayo preview and dish ideas with April's theme of Mexican food! Come and share lunch and your recipes on April 25th @ noon in USCL's large meeting room.

Chili con Queso

- 2 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1/2 small green bell pepper, chopped finely
- 1/2 small yellow onion, chopped finely
- 1 tbsp. pickled, sliced jalapenos peppers drained and chopped finely
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 6.5 oz. canned chopped tomatoes
- 8 oz. cream cheese

Heat oil in medium saucepan; cook bell pepper, onion, chili and garlic. Stir until onion softens. Add undrained tomatoes; cook and stir 2 minutes. Add cheese; whisk until cheese melts and dip is smooth. Serve hot with corn chips!

Did you enjoy this recipe? Check out more dishes from *Mexican: Authentic Recipes from South of the Border*

