

Santa's Secret Shop

It's back! The Friends of the Library will once again be hosting a Christmas store where little shoppers can buy gifts for their loved ones on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

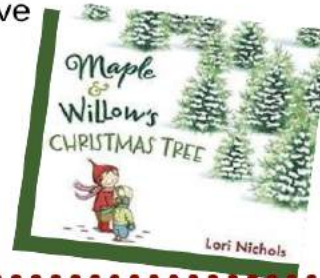
Children ages 12 and under are encouraged to fill out a shopper's sheet with information regarding who they are shopping for and their spending limit. These sheets can be filled out ahead of time and are available in the children's department starting November 29th.

When the shoppers arrive, an Elf will help them shop for the perfect gifts for friends and family. It's sure to be a magical morning that your child will enjoy!



Storywalk Season!

Storywalk continues this month with *Maple and Willow's Christmas Tree* by Lori Nichols. Maple and Willow love trees—and now they are getting their first real Christmas tree. But whenever Maple gets near the tree, she starts sniffing and sneezing. Could she really be allergic to the perfect Christmas tree? And if so, how will the girls find a way to make this the best Christmas after all? 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!



DECEMBER 2022

COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



December Events

- 1st: New Storywalk
- 1st: Book Talk
- 3rd: Santa's Secret Shop
- 8th: Craft Party!
- 9th: Holiday Music Concert
- 12th: STEAMPunks
- 13th: Sweet Holiday Workshop
- 15th: Alzheimer's Program
- 19th: Lunch Bunch
- 26th: CLOSED
- January 2nd: CLOSED

Making the Season Bright!

Celebrate the joy and anticipation of the season with these exciting programs and displays at USCL.

The Charlotte Leeth Nativity Display



USCL is pleased to once again host Charlotte Leeth's extensive display of nativity scenes from around the world.

This amazing collection, ranging from a nativity within an actual nutshell to beautifully carved pieces in wood and delicate ceramic, will be available for viewing in USCL's front vestibule for its final showing throughout the month of December.

USCL would like to extend our great thanks to Charlotte for her generosity and epitomizing of the Christmas spirit in sharing her collection with the library and our community for so many years.

Holiday Concert

Enjoy the music of the season with the Marion Recorder Consort on Friday, December 9th @ 2:00 in USCL's large meeting room. This musical group features Library Director Kathleen Whitt and is sure to put you in the holiday spirit with familiar Christmas favorites.



Sweet Holiday Workshop

It wouldn't be the holidays without the sweet indulgences of cookies and candy to nibble and share. Join Cheryl and Patti on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of cookie decorating and candy making. All supplies will be provided so invite a friend and make an evening of it! Registration begins on December 1st and is required for attendance.



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.

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!



STEAMPunks for the Holidays!

If you enjoy the stop motion animation of holiday classics like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," be sure to attend December's STEAMPunks meeting on Monday December 12th at 5:30 p.m. You'll be using several types of clay to create your own stop-motion animation-like creations. So, let your imagination run wild with your own holiday style...while eating free pizza. What could be better than that?



Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 0-3):

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



Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.

There will be no Storytime December 26th through January 2nd.

The Cover Was Blue

USCL has once again taken part in the Wyandot County Historical Society Museum's wonderful holiday Christmas tree display. This year the tree decorated by the library staff has moved to the downstairs dining room.



USCL is always pleased to participate and has decorated with themes such as "A Dickens of a Christmas" and "Holmes for the Holiday." Our theme for 2022 is "I Don't Know the Title, But the Cover Was Blue." Covered in icicles and blue book covers, it shares a sympathetic wink with anyone whose memory just froze when looking for their next great read. We totally understand!

Up in the club!

Start your new year by joining one of USCL's book clubs! Check out some of next year's book selections for a preview of what's to come.

If casual reading is more your style, join Krystal and other book lovers for Book Talk, where they share their thoughts about what they are reading; you are encouraged to add your own unique suggestions and reviews. Book Talk meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in USCL's downstairs boardroom.

COMMON READERS

Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs meeting room

January 17th

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine
by Gail Honeyman
Discussion Leader: Krystal Smalley

February 21st

The 1619 Project
by Nikole Hannah-Jones
Discussion Leader: TBD

March 21st

The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles
Discussion Leader: Judy Gilliland



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!

INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs meeting room

January 25

Genre: Fantasy
A Master of Djinn
by P. Djeli Clark

February 22:

Genre: Science Fiction
A Psalm for the Wild-Built
by Becky Chambers

March 22

Genre: Mystery
Fortune Favors the Dead
by Stephen Spotswood



Christmas Craft Party!

On Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m., join Rachel for an evening of holiday crafts and treats. Make a Snowman Hat Cookie box that is just perfect for gifting to friends and neighbors. Then, make a homey snowman on a rustic wood slice using flannel and a lightbulb. Registration begins on Monday, November 28 and is required for attendance. Stop in or call to claim your spot!



419-294-1345

Did you know...

Free Covid-19 test are available at the front desk. Limit four per family, please.

Alzheimer's Program

The northwest chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be presenting an educational Alzheimer's program on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room. To begin the evening, you'll learn the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's, and its common warning signs. They will discuss the importance of early detection and what to expect during the diagnostic process.

The second half of the evening will focus on the the differences between Alzheimer's and dementia. They will also share information regarding the current research and treatments that are available to address the symptoms of Alzheimer's.



To attend, please register at the front desk or call USCL at 419-294-1345.

Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, December 19th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch. This month, celebrate the season together with a Christmas Potluck and an optional \$5 gift exchange.

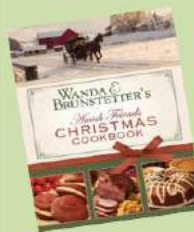
Christmas Crunch Salad

4 cups broccoli	Dressing:
4 cups cauliflower	1 cup mayonnaise
1 medium red onion, chopped	1/2 cup sour cream
4 cherry tomatoes, halved	1 to 2 Tbsp sugar
	1 Tbsp vinegar
	Salt and pepper to taste

Cut up vegetables and put in a bowl. In another bowl, combine dressing ingredients and pour over vegetables and toss. Cover and chill in refrigerator for 1 to 2 hours.

Cheryl says...

Add some sliced shredded sharp cheddar cheese or almonds for crunch and color!



Find more delicious recipes, check out **Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends Christmas Cookbook** in the 641 section of our non-fiction area.

Spice It Up!

Just in time for your holiday celebrations, Patti brings you another Spice It Up spice pack. Pick up your free Poultry Seasoning spice pack and recipe starting December on the Large Print end cap. 'Tis the season to be tasty!



Common Readers and Inglorious Bookworms do not meet in December or July. If you are interested in more information about these book clubs, please contact Krystal Smalley. Phone: 419-294-1345 e-mail: ksmalley@seolibraries.org

USCL Holiday Closings:
Monday, December 26th: Closed
Monday January 2nd: Closed