

SEPTEMBER 2023

COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



One Pot Wonders

Have you ever been amazed by the potted succulent gardens you see in stores? Well, now it's time to make one of your own!

Learn how to build your own succulent garden during One Pot Wonders at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25 in the library's large meeting room. The succulents and soil will be provided. You only need to supply your own pot. The pots should be 7-10 inches wide, shallow, and



made of terracotta or ceramic with drainage holes.

Registration for One Pot Wonders begins Monday, September 18th. Space is limited. Stop by the library or call 419-294-1345 to register for this program.

Autumn Plant Swap

The Plant Swap is back and is ready to help you share those extra seeds, starts, bulbs and houseplants with your friends and neighbors.

To donate to the swap, bring your healthy plants, seeds or bulbs along with information regarding the type of plant and its care to the library during the two drop-off days. Return to the library on the two pick-up days and select from a variety of plants that will be displayed in the front vestibule and welcome area. And remember, you don't have to donate plants to attend the Swap and get a new plant companion.

Drop off plants: September 26-27th

Pick-up plants: September 28th-30th



September Events

- 1st: New Storywalk
- 4th: Closed for Labor Day
- 7th: Book Talk
- 11th: STEAMPunks
- 14th: Craft Party
- 18th: Taste of the World
- 19th: Common Readers
- 20th: Local Author Night
- 23rd: Closed for Autumn Cruise
- 25th: Lunch Bunch
- 25th: One Pot Wonders
- 26th-27th: Plant Swap Drop-off
- 27th: Inglorious Bookworms
- 28th-30th: Plant Swap Pick-up

Take a Storywalk

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

Have you ever thought about bringing your dragon to the library? Don't do it! You might have the best intentions, but that dragon will cause nothing but trouble. Using rhyming text and a diverse cast of characters, this charming picture book will provide some important—and some not so important—library etiquette in a very entertaining 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!



STEAMPunks Returns!

This library youth group for grades 6-12 is back and ready to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math through fun and engaging activities. Led by Youth Services Specialist Lisa Andres, these meetings are a great way for kids to connect with each other and the world around them. On Monday September 11th at 5:30, Miss Lisa will lead the group in a Heritage Room scavenger hunt that explores research resources and some interesting history about our town. And don't forget...there will be pizza!

- S: SCIENCE**
- T: TECHNOLOGY**
- E: ENGINEERING**
- A: ARTS**
- M: MATH**



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HAT HURSDAY 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. It's an hour they won't want to miss!



Congratulations!

Summer Reading Program prize drawing winners

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.

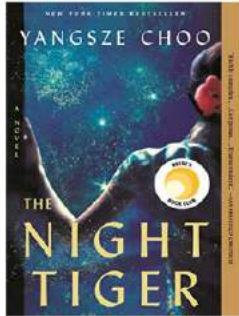
COMMON READERS

Join the Common Readers on September 19th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this month's featured book, *The Night Tiger* by Yangsze Choo. Copies of this book are available at the front desk and it is available for download on Libby and Hoopla.

Ji Lin is stuck as an apprentice dressmaker, moonlighting as a dancehall girl to help pay off her mother's Mahjong debts. But when one of her dance partners accidentally leaves behind a gruesome souvenir, Ji Lin plunges into a dark adventure.

Eleven-year-old houseboy Ren is also on a mission, racing to fulfill his former master's dying wish: that Ren find the man's finger, lost years ago in an accident, and bury it with his body. Ren has 49 days to do so, or his master's soul will wander the earth forever.

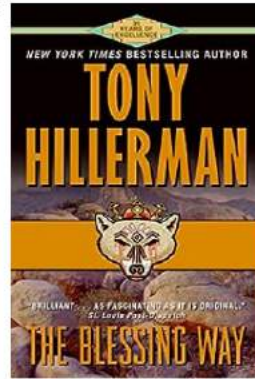
Ji Lin and Ren's increasingly dangerous paths crisscross through a world of age-old superstition and modern idealism, sibling rivalry and forbidden love.



INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Join Krystal on September 27th 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 mystery genre with Tony Hillerman's *The Blessing Way*.

Homicide is always an abomination, but there is something exceptionally disturbing about the victim discovered in a high, lonely place—a corpse with a mouth full of sand—abandoned at a crime scene seemingly devoid of tracks or useful clues. Though it goes against his better judgment, Navajo Tribal Police Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn cannot help but suspect the hand of a supernatural killer. There is palpable evil in the air, and Leaphorn's pursuit of a Wolf-Witch leads him where even the bravest men fear, on a chilling trail that winds perilously between mysticism and murder.



Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on September 25th 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 inspired by German cuisine. Be sure to bring along the recipe to share.

German Chocolate Pie

uncooked pie crust, store bought or homemade
 1/2 cup butter melted
 1 1/4 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips divided
 1/2 cup flour
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 large eggs beaten
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup chopped pecans
 3/4 cup flaked coconut



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place uncooked pie crust in pie tin. In small bowl, microwave butter until completely melted. Add 1 cup chocolate chips and stir until smooth. In separate bowl, stir together flour and sugars. Slowly add chocolate/butter mixture and stir until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla. Fold in pecans, coconut, and 1/4 cup chocolate chips. Pour into unbaked pie crust. Bake 35-40 minutes or until top is set. DON'T OVER BAKE! Allow to cool before serving. Optional: top with some whipped topping, toasted coconut, and chocolate shavings or dust with a little cocoa powder.

Taste of the World

Don't say goodbye to summer just yet! Keep that spicy summer vibe going with a taste of the Caribbean.

On Monday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m., Patti and Tony show you how to bring the flavor of the islands to your home with flavorsome jerk chicken tacos. Then, finish the evening with a Puerto Rican inspired tasty dessert. Registration is required for this program. Registration begins on September 5th. Don't forget to pick up your Spice It Up pack of jerk seasoning at the endcap of the large print section.



Crafting with my Gnomies

If you want to join the gnome craze or you just can't wait for Fall to begin, check out USCL's Craft Party!

Join Rachel on Thursday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. for a night of snacks, crafting and fun. This month, you can create your own Autumn Teacup Gnome using pool noodles and pine cones. Registration is required for this program. Registration begins September 4th. (Adults only, please)



What are YOU reading?
 Book Talk at USCL!
 September 7th @ 11:00 a.m.

Local Author Night

If you love to read or are interested in writing, attend USCL's Local Author Night. Hear from regional authors about their books, listen to them read excerpts from their works, and learn how they handle the challenges of writing. This month's lineup will feature retired Carey teacher Maureen Kovach who writes mysteries with her daughter that take place near Lake Erie. You'll also meet local chiropractor and children's author, Betty Lok and fiction author, Jim Barney. No registration required for this program.

September 20th
 @ 6:00 p.m.



Did you know...



Our library system has a variety of cake pans and molds that are available for checkout. From letter and number shapes, clowns and princess shaped cake molds, even springform pans, there is bound to be something to make your next special occasion extra sweet!

In Honor of...

Charlotte Leeth by the Sheaffer Family