

Join the Club!

If you're in 5th-8th grade and love to read and hang out with other readers just like you, then Middle School Book Club is perfect for you!

On September 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Miss Lisa will meet with you at the table outside of her office in the children's section to discuss *El Deafo* by CeCe Bell. This bestselling graphic novel tells the origin story of how a student with hearing loss and a hearing aid became a superhero. Just stop by the front desk to pick up your copy. There's no sign up so just show up!



Coded Storywalk®

Pick up a Coded Tales sheet at the front desk to begin this month's Coded Storywalk® and discover *ZooBorns! Zoo Babies From Around the World* by Andrew Bleiman. 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!

A Walk in the Park

Reading is a walk in the park with Storywalk® at Stepping Stones Park! This month enjoy *In the Woods: Have You Been there?* by Lindsay Barrett George and meet Cammy and William.



While walking through the woods, they don't see any wildlife, yet there are signs everywhere that animals have been around. Help these young nature lovers find the clues—an empty nest, a fallen branch with the bark gnawed off, bleached bones by a cave, and more—and join in guessing "Who's been here?"

That Thursday Thing

Every Thursday that school is in session, kids of all ages are invited to attend That Thursday Thing.

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



Be Part of the Story

Storytime isn't just for your little brother and sister anymore! Give Middle School Storytime a try.

If you're interested in reading or acting, Miss Lisa invites Middle School students to interact with books in a new way through Reader's Theater, which allows you to become part of the story!



Meetings take place in the children's section by Miss Lisa's office at 3:00 p.m. on every Monday that school is in session.



Storytime
with Miss Jill

Tiny Tots (ages 0-3):
Monday 10:00 a.m.,
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.,
and Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

Preschool (ages 3-6):
Monday 11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2025

COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



September Events

1st: Closed

6th: Walking Heard

13th: Walking Heard

15th: Taste of the Decades

16th: Common Readers

18th: Mystery at Toadworts

20th: Walking Heard

22nd: Lunch Bunch

23rd-24th: Plant Swap Drop-Off

24th: Inglorious Bookworms

25th-26th: Plant Swap Pick-up

27th: Walking Heard

Mystery at Toadworts

There's been a theft at Toadwort's School of Magic and you're invited to solve the mystery of the Sorcerer's Tome! As you enter this world of magic and mischief through platform nine and two-thirds at Kidscross Station (located in USCL's large meeting room), you'll be sorted into your house and given the task of finding out who stole the Sorcerer's Tome. Meet well-known Toadwort's School of Magic teachers and students like Henry Putter and Professor Bumbledor. Be refreshed from your search with drinks like Buttlebeer and Polliwog Potion and many delicious snacks created by Professor Ramona Sprout.

But this enchanted evening has limited seating and is only for adults so be sure to register for this event online, by phone or in person beginning Monday, September 8th.



Plant Swap

You can never have too many plants... but if you're running out of room, bring some to the autumn Plant Swap! On September 23rd and 24th, bring your healthy plants, plant starts, bulbs 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 go to waste! Return September 25th and 26th during library hours to browse the selection of plants, herbs, seeds, and starts just awaiting their new location....your home! Just when you thought new plants were exciting enough, during the week of Plant Swap you can earn entries for a prize drawing by bringing in plant donations or checking-out gardening books. The drawing will be held on September 27th.

The Plant Swap is available to everyone regardless of whether a donation has been made so be sure to stop by and shop the Swap!



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.

Talk, Walk, and Read

Do you enjoy listening to audiobooks? Do you enjoy a morning walk in nature? USCL has the perfect program for you!

The Walking Heard Audiobook Club meets every Saturday in September from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Stepping Stones Park.

Begin with a brief check-in about what book (or books) you are currently reading, authors you are enjoying, or narrators that really bring the characters to life. Then, you can choose to put in your earphones and enjoy the morning reading and walking or join another reader and continue the conversation.

It's all good when you're part of the Heard!



Groovy Kind of Grub

Take a culinary step back in time to the 1960s with Taste of the Decades on Monday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. in USCL's large meeting room. Patti and Tony Davidson explore the far out food culture of this tumultuous era and the meals that fed America through social and political upheavals.



Patti makes peace, love, and porcupine meatballs and Tony brings a surprise dessert for all to sample. Be sure to register online, by phone, or in person beginning September 8th.

September is Golden

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! This month, anyone who signs up for a library card will get entered to win a golden library card from Libro.fm for six free audiobooks. Already have a card? Fill out a "Why I Love My Library" card for an entry to win a free bag of books. Also, if you have lost your library card, we will replace it for free throughout the month of September. It's just our way of giving you a ticket to anywhere!

Lunch Bunch

Have lunch with Cheryl and your library community on September 22nd at noon in USCL's large meeting room. Bring a dish to share following this month's theme of Recipe from a Famous Chef. Don't forget to bring your recipe to share with the group.

Ina Garten's Provencal Cherry Tomato Gratin

3 pints cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
1 ½ Tbsp. plus ¼ cup olive oil
1 tsp. dried thyme
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
3 large garlic cloves, peeled
⅓ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
2 cups coarse bread cubes

Preheat the oven the 400°. Place the tomatoes in a 9x13-inch ceramic dish. Add the 1 ½ tablespoons of olive oil, thyme, 1 teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper and toss together. Spread the tomatoes evenly in the pan. Place the garlic, parsley, and ½ teaspoon salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade and process until the garlic is finely chopped. Add the bread cubes and process until the bread is in crumbs. Add the ¼ cup of olive oil and pulse a few times to blend. Sprinkle the crumbs evenly over the tomatoes. Bake the gratin for 40-45 minutes until the crumbs are golden and the tomato juices are bubbling. Serve hot or warm.



See Us at the Fair

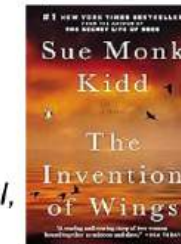
If you're headed to the Wyandot County Fair this year, be sure to stop in the New Merchant's Building and check out our booth! You can spin our prize wheel, enter for prize drawings, and more. So, be sure to make USCL part of your Fair Week celebrations!



COMMON READERS

Looking for a way to connect with other readers? Join Common Readers and discover a new book each month then gather to discuss your thoughts about what you've read. On Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 in USCL's large meeting room, the group will be exchanging views about *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Hetty "Handful" Grimke, a slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship with the uneasy ways of love.



Reading Is Rewarding

Congratulations to all our Summer Reading contest winners!

Elyse Lortz: Mystery Book Basket

Evelyn Barth: Drone

Megan Pummell: Put-In-Bay Basket

Kate Bish: Coloring Pack

Becky Lab: Circle of Friends Basket

Meredith Messer: Play-Doh set

Layna Wagner: Barbie

Sarah Carey: LEGO Minecraft

Bonnie Korody-McClain: Squishmallow

Aaron South: Remote Control Car



INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Explore a new book genre each month and then gather to share your thoughts with other genre readers like you!

On Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. at Don Tomasso's Italian Kitchen, the group will be discussing the western genre and *Red Rabbit* by Alex Grecian. Please RSVP on our website if you plan to attend.

Sadie Grace is wanted for witchcraft, dead (or alive). And every hired gun in Kansas is out to collect the bounty on her head, including bona fide witch hunter Old Tom and his mysterious, mute ward, Rabbit. On the road to, they're joined by two vagabond cowboys with a strong sense of adventure and a recently widowed schoolteacher with nothing left to lose. As their posse grows, so too does the danger. Racing along the drought-stricken plains in a stolen red stagecoach, they encounter monsters more wicked than witches lurking along the dusty trail. But the crew is determined to get that bounty, or die trying.

