

APRIL 2025

COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



Plant Swap Returns

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

On April 22nd and 23rd, 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 April 24th and 25th during library hours to browse the selection of plants, herbs, seeds, and starts just awaiting their new location....your home!

The Plant Swap is available to everyone regardless of whether a donation has been made so grab a friend and bring some green to your Spring!



Let us help you grow!

USCL's Seed library is available for your gardening endeavors! Find vegetable, herb, and flower seeds...all for free!

Something to Tweet About

Bird Watching 101: Essential Tips for New Birders

Have you ever wanted to get started birdwatching but have no idea where to start? This program is for you!

Birdwatching is one of the easiest and cheapest hobbies to pick up. You can birdwatch at your job, on vacation, even in your own backyard! Victoria Walton, wildlife conservationist, will teach you how to use EBird and Merlin, how to pick out the best bird guide, and useful tips and tricks on how to get the most out of your birdwatching experience. So, join us on April 24th at 6:00 p.m. for a night every-birdy should enjoy!



April Events

7th: Peep Contest Begins

9th: Free For All Screening

10th: Craft Party

15th: Common Readers

22nd-23rd: Plant Drop-off

23rd: Inglorious Bookworms

24th-25th: Plant Pick-up

24th: Birdwatching 101

28th: Lunch Bunch

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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.

Peep-A-Palooza

It's that time of year again! Those iconic marshmallow candies have flooded the grocery markets, their Easter basket destination inevitable. But what if they could be more?

That is the question that USCL wants you to answer with the Peep-A-Palooza Decorating Contest. Whether it's Peeps for spring decor, a diorama, or an edible masterpiece, we want to see your imagination run wild. From the classic golden chic to lavender bunnies, as long as its has Peeps, you're on your way! You can bring your creation in for display April 7th-18th. A prize will be awarded for each age category: ages 10 and under, ages 11-17, and adults.



Craft Party

Spring makes everything fresh and new. Why not create something new for your Easter or spring decor?

On Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. join other crafters like you in making an Easter Bunny candy dish. You'll get to paint a bunny created by USCL's 3-D printer and create a perfect resting spot for him complete with a mossy, mushroom filled glade on top of your candy dish. There's no cost and all supplies--and snacks!--are provided so all you need to to do is register online, by phone or in person. Registration begins on March 31st.



Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, April 28th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch, where the community meets to share a meal. This month's theme is Easter recipes.

Lemony Almond-Feta Green Beans

- 1 pound fresh green beans, trimmed
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 small onion, halved and sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese



In a large saucepan, bring 4 cups water to a boil. Add green beans; cook, uncovered, for 4-5 minutes or until beans turn bright green. Remove beans and drop immediately into ice water. Drain and pat dry.

In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 6-8 minutes or until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Add green beans and almonds; cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until beans are crisp-tender. Sprinkle with lemon peel, lemon juice, salt and pepper; toss to combine. Top with cheese.



*Find more recipes like this in
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Holidays & Celebrations
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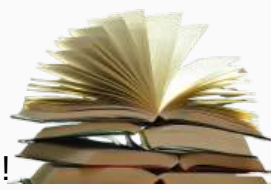
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by the Class of 1951



USCL Celebrates Library Week

Join USCL in honoring all that a public library offers to its community during a week-long celebration of events and giveaways from Monday, April 7th to Friday, April 11th!



Monday: Browse our discarded book section and take up to three home with you for free, no donation required!

7th

Tuesday: Pick up a free Book Vase Craft Pack to take home and create your own folded masterpiece.

8th

Thursday: Misplaced your card? Get a new one today for free!

10th

Friday: Take part in a library Scavenger Hunt and get rewarded with a sweet treat!

11th



COMMON READERS

Everyone is welcome to join Krystal and the Common Readers Book Club on April 15 at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss this month's featured book, *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore. Copies of this month's book are available at the front desk and on Libby.

In a Philadelphia neighborhood rocked by the opioid crisis, two once-inseparable sisters find themselves at odds. One, Kacey, lives on the streets in the vise of addiction. The other, Mickey, walks those same blocks on her police beat. They don't speak anymore, but Mickey never stops worrying about her sibling.

Then Kacey disappears, suddenly, at the same time that a mysterious string of murders begins in Mickey's district, and Mickey becomes dangerously obsessed with finding the culprit--and her sister--before it's too late.

Alternating its present-day mystery with the story of the sisters' childhood and adolescence, Long Bright River is at once heart-pounding and heart-wrenching: a gripping suspense novel that is also a moving story of sisters, addiction, and the formidable ties that persist between place, family, and fate.



Wednesday: USCL will be hosting a shortened preview of "**Free For All: The Public Library**" which chronicles

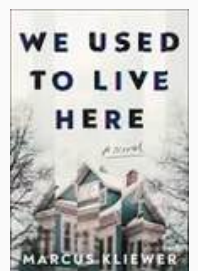
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the evolution of the nation's public libraries, tracing the battles over who can enter, what belongs there, and who makes these decisions. The preview will be followed by a panel discussion with Kyle McColly, Upper Sandusky Mayor; Brenda Koehler, former Bucyrus library director, and Brian Hemminger, Editor of the Daily Chief-Union.

INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

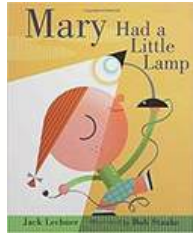
Share your thoughts about *We Used to Live Here* by Marcus Kliever and the Horror genre Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Don Tomasso's Restaurant. Copies of this month's book are available at the front desk and on Libby.

As a young couple who flip houses, Charlie and Eve can't believe the killer deal they've just gotten on an old house in a picturesque neighborhood. As they're working in the house one day, there's a knock on the door. A man stands there with his family, claiming to have lived there years before and asking if it would be alright if he showed his kids around. People pleaser to a fault, Eve lets them in. As soon as the strangers enter their home, inexplicable things start happening, including the family's youngest child going missing and a ghostly presence materializing in the basement. Something is terribly wrong with the house and with the visiting family—or is Eve just imagining things?



Take a Storywalk!®

If you love to read and love the outdoors, go on a Storywalk! In the windows uptown this month you'll read the story of Mary. She has a little lamp that she takes everywhere. One day Mary heads off to summer camp without her bendy-necked lamp and discovers that life without a lamp isn't so bad! In fact, when Mary returns home, her little lamp stays on her shelf for good. Now what will she find instead?



To begin your walk, get a Coded Storywalk® sheet by the front desk and read the first page of the book in the library's front window. Write down the code letter then continue downtown to continue the story. Your next stop will be listed on the storyboard. When you finish the story, bring your completed sheet back to the library for a prize!



You can also enjoy our Storywalk at Stepping Stones Park. This April you can enjoy walking and reading *On A Snow Melting Day* by Buffy Silverman!

Middle School Storytime

This is NOT your little brother's storytime! 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.

Hang Out

Looking for a place to meet up with your friends after school? Make USCL the place to hang after school on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Miss Lisa is opening the large meeting room for grades 6-12 to play games, eat snacks, or just chill. Hang Out will be available every Wednesday that school is in session.

They Are On The Way

It's spring time and you know what that means. Baby chicks visiting the library! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 15th at 5:30 and Wednesday, April 16th at 11:00 for a special 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.

Storytime with Miss Jill



Preschool (ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.®



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's 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 fun snacks and plenty of time to hang out with friends. They won't want to miss it!