

Welcome Back Party

Another school year is about to begin and USCL can't wait to welcome you back from your summer vacations! On Thursday, August 21st from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Miss Lisa and Miss Jill will be cooking up yummy hot dogs and scooping out delicious snow cones at the Welcome Back Party!

All grades are welcome to attend and enjoy these fun after school snacks.

After eating, kids are encouraged to hang out and participate in creating sidewalk chalk art on the front walk. It's going to be another great school year with your friends at USCL!



Coded Storywalk

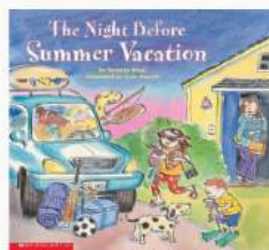
Pick up a Coded Tales sheet at the front desk to begin this month's Coded Storywalk and discover everything that can happen *The Night Before Summer Vacation*.

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!



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!



MSST Returns

Your favorite time of creative reading is back! Middle School Storytime returns Monday, August 25th.

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.



Ready to Read?

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 August 25th from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Miss Lisa will meet with you at the table outside of her office in the children's section to choose what book you would like to read first. You'll have a month to read the book the group has chosen then you'll return on the last Monday of September to share what you thought about what you read. There's no sign up so just show up!

It's Time for a Break...

Storytime with Miss Jill will be on a hiatus during the month of August.

Miss Jill will return with more exciting stories and songs on Tuesday, September 2nd!



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COVER TO COVER

Upper Sandusky Community Library



It's Book Sale Time!

It's finally here! You've scoured your bookshelves for book donations and lugged your boxes, bags and sacks to the library to do your part. Now, it's your time.

It's the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

The sale opens to the public on Thursday, August 7th and will run through Saturday August 9th in the downstairs, large meeting room. You can start your literary treasure hunt when we open at 9:00 a.m. and shop until 30 minutes before we close. All good things must end, my friends.

We encourage you to bring a bag (a wheeled cart...truck?) to help you as you shop for your books.



Would you like to get an early chance to shop the sale? The Friends of the Library has a special preview night on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m.

for its members.

All items are being offered for donation so let your joy guide your generosity as these proceeds are used by the Friends to bring programs to

the community and make your library the best it can be!

Be a Friend

If you're looking for a place to volunteer, become a Friend of the Library!

This group supports the library by fundraising and sponsoring programs that promote literacy, assists with Homebound delivery, and they provide a Secret Santa Shop for the youth in our community. Also, as a Friend, you can come to a Friends Only preview book sale on Wednesday evening. Membership is only \$5 per person or \$10 for a family.

Discover more inside!



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.

The Packs Are Back

Just because Craft Party is on a break for the book sale and the county fair doesn't mean that we don't have you covered for your crafty expectations!

Be sure to stop in to the library on the second Thursdays of August and September and pick up a craft pack. There will be old favorites and some new surprises for you to create. Supplies are limited and will not be restocked once they run out.

We look forward to seeing you in person when Craft Party resumes on October 9th!

Design with Style

As a new school year gets ready to begin and fair season waits just around the corner, USCL is here to help!

Our Ellison Room is stocked with two die cut machines and a large selection of die cuts to help you with your new projects.

From school bulletin boards, cheer gear for the outside of your locker, or completing those fair displays, we are here for you.

Having a party and need favor boxes? Need a quick craft for Sunday School? We have just what you need! Bring your paper supplies and just sign in at the front desk to get started.



You Can Be Great

It's never too late to learn something new.

Great Courses allows you to open your world to new and exciting topics taught by professors from leading colleges including Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Most courses come with a DVD and course book that assist you in learning at your own pace and in your own time.



With a wide range of topics like Photography, Mythology of the World, and American Ideals there is something for everyone to learn and enjoy. Check one out today!

Lunch Bunch

Have lunch with Cheryl and your library community on August 25th at noon in USCL's large meeting room. Bring a dish to share following this month's theme of Produce from Your Garden. Don't forget to bring your recipe to share with the group.

Green Beans with Garlic-Herb Yogurt



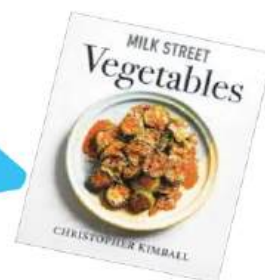
- 1/2 cup whole-milk plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh chives
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh mint
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh dill
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. honey
- 1 medium garlic clove, finely grated
- 3 Tbsp. salted butter, cut into 2 or 3 pieces
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 lbs. green beans, trimmed

In a medium bowl, stir together the yogurt, dill, chives, chopped mint, lemon juice, honey and garlic. Season with salt and pepper; set aside.

In a Dutch oven over medium-high, bring the butter, 1/2 cup water and 1/2 teaspoon salt to a boil. Stir in the green beans, then cover and cook until just tender when pierced with the tip of the knife, about 5 minutes; stir once about halfway through. Uncover, increase to high and cook, stirring occasionally, until the water evaporates and the beans begin to sizzle, about 5 minutes.

Transfer the beans to a platter. Drizzle with the yogurt mixture and sprinkle with the torn mint.

Find this cookbook and more recipes like this in the 641 section of our non-fiction area.



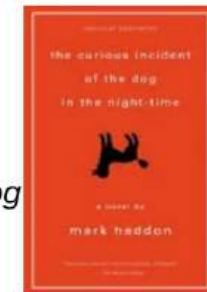
COMMON READERS

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, August 19th at 6:30 in USCL's large meeting room the group will be exchanging views about *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow.

This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.



Close your eyes and just....read?

Do you enjoy soaking up the rays in your beach chair or long road trips in the passenger seat?

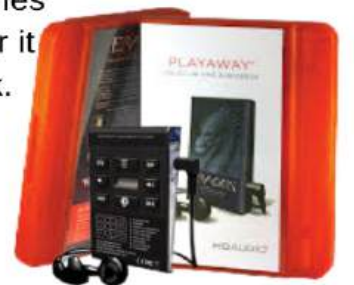
Maybe you love to read at night but your partner wants you to please turn out the light!

You're reading adventure doesn't have to end when you close your eyes! Try audio books!

There are options for everyone.

- Playaways are books loaded on their own player. Just plug in your earphones and you're all set. Some even come with lanyards allowing you to just wear it around your neck so it's always handy. These are located by the front desk.
- USCL's online services like Libby and Hoopla offer many audio books. Just use your library card to sign up at Hoopla.com or Libby.com.
- Books on CD are also available in our media area by the movies.

No matter how you love to read, USCL is here for you!



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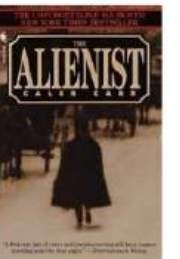
Explore a new book genre each month and then gather to share your thoughts with other genre readers like you!

On Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Don Tomasso's Italian Kitchen, the group will be discussing *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr. Please RSVP on our website if you plan to attend.

The year is 1896. The city is New York.

Newspaper reporter John Schuyler Moore is summoned by his friend Dr. Laszlo Kreizler—a psychologist, or "alienist"—to view the horribly mutilated body of an adolescent boy abandoned on the unfinished Williamsburg Bridge.

From there the two embark on a revolutionary effort in criminology: creating a psychological profile of the perpetrator based on the details of his crimes. Their dangerous quest takes them into the tortured past and twisted mind of a murderer who will kill again before their hunt is over.



1,395,125 Pages!

Congratulations to everyone who completed their 100 Book Club Challenge of reading 100 books in a calendar year. Not a part of the club? Sign-up at the front desk today to begin your reading challenge!