

Book Talk is Back!

Whether you're a reader of the current bestseller or a die hard classics connoisseur, BookTalk discussion leader Krystal Smalley wants to hear from you!

Krystal, an Ohio University alum and former journalist, says, "I've been a romance reader for most of my life, picking up Nora Roberts' Montana Sky as a pre-teen simply because I was bored and didn't have anything else to read. Romance hooked me after that."

Since then she explored many genres and is currently exploring the world of science fiction. "I crave anything that features a strong female character leading her crew into danger - preferably in space because space is awesome."

Join this virtual program and share the books you love at the next Book Talk on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The link to this meeting can be found on our website.

Introducing Kits for Kids

Miss Jill has done it again! Kits for Kids is a themed collection of early childhood literacy items families can enjoy together in one convenient to check out bag. Each kit includes: 10 books on a specific theme, fingerplays, songs, crafts and coloring pages. Choose from themes such as dinosaurs, cats, and space. Does your child have a special interest? Contact Miss Jill at jstansbery@seolibraries.org with your specific request for a personalized kit.

Upper Sandusky Community Library will be closed
July 3rd and 4th
in observance of Independence Day

Krystal's Picks

Quiet: the Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking

by Susan Cain



Krystal says: I'd put this book in the hands of everyone I met if I could. Not only does it help introverts realize their strengths, but it helps others understand how to interact with them.

Michigan vs the Boys

by Carrie S. Allen

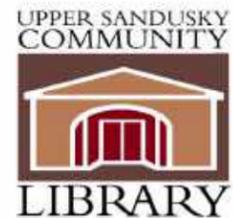
Krystal says: A must read for girls shattering the glass ceiling in their sport. I can't wait to read it again.

The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Krystal says: As someone who has a hard time reading poetry, listening to this audiobook, read by the author, was a great way to get past that hurdle. This book was impactful, beautiful, and, most of all, important.

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Library News

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Upper Sandusky Community Library

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New Adjusted Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00-6:00
Saturday 9:00-1:00



Honoring Our Heritage

Independence Day is a time to celebrate the resolute labor for

freedom that birthed our nation and united a kaleidoscope of people, beliefs and cultures under one family name: American. USCL's Heritage Room provides a way to explore this rich legacy of family that connects the residents of Wyandot County past to present.

Offering hundreds of resources regarding local history, the Heritage room is open to the public daily for use in genealogical and historical research. One of the first steps in researching family history is often looking up obituaries. "I started with the old newspapers on microfilm," says library patron, Marilyn McClain regarding the extensive research she has done for her family tree. Local newspapers dating from 1845 to the present are available for viewing through microfilm and offer not only information on births and deaths, but also a wealth of insights into how people lived, local issues, and the values of the time. For those who are out of the area, a request for obituary research can had by

filling out an obituary information form available on our website or call to have a form sent to you.

Sharing information is the life blood of this type of family research. The Family Register Research book in the Heritage room allows you to submit the family members or family name that you are investigating and leave your contact information for those who might share in that branch of the family. Local historians have also lovingly compiled volumes of family history notebooks full of pictures and histories of regional families, Though unable to be checked out, all materials are permitted to be copied.

The Wyandot County local history section of the Heritage room has such offerings as local church records and bulletins, yearbooks, materials on Wyandotte and other Native tribes, records of county veterans, and more!

Continue reading inside...



If you're just beginning your foray into genealogy, Marilyn recommends, *"Ask questions! Ask for stories and pictures...we were all immigrants once."*

The Wyandot Tracers Genealogy Society is another great resource that meets monthly to discuss local history and individual research. Check out their Facebook page for more information or pick up and their flyer at one of the information stations at the library.

Marcus Garvey said, "A people without a knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

While family trees are deciduous in nature with customs, cultures, and ideas changing and falling away like leaves to be replaced by new mindsets and traditions, it's important to remind ourselves how much we are connected. Unique and yet alike, we are leaves among branches of one big family tree and that is something worth celebrating!

What's in a Name?

William Shakespeare was a master wordsmith but even his renowned play *Romeo and Juliet* might have stumbled across the boards if it had been called *Rash Girl and Foolish Boy*, sweet smelling roses or not.

To that end, we are asking for your help in naming our monthly newsletter. You don't have to be the Bard to submit your suggestion to us on the USCL Facebook page from July 1st-10th. Our communications team will narrow the choices down to three. In honor of Independence Day and in the spirit of independence, you will be able to vote for your favorite from July 15th-22nd. We will premier our new name in the August issue.

Let your voice be heard!



Online Resources Available at USCL

Heritage Quest - discover your family history with the added bonus of sending the documents and records that you find to your home.

Rutherford B. Hayes Ohio Obituary Index - an index to over 3,500,000 obituaries, death and marriage notices and other sources from Ohio from the 1810's to the present day.

Ancestry Library Edition - this definitive collection for genealogy can only be used at the library.

African American Heritage - allows you to research essential historical records for African-Americans.

Fold3 Library Edition - helps you discover documents and pictures of your family's military past.

"For to be **free** is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." *Nelson Mandela*

Read It Like It's Hot!

Summer Reading programs for all ages continue throughout July with reading and community challenges, Bingo, crafts, prizes and more! Check us out online or stop at the front desk to register.

(Virtual) Crafternoon Returns!

We know you love to create and so do we! Beginning July 16, Crafternoon is back...with some changes. Here's how it works.

- Stop by the front desk to pick up your Crafternoon Craft Pack.
- Each bag has instructions and all the supplies you will need to complete your masterpiece.
- For additional help, follow along with our video tutorial on Facebook.
- Go forth and create!



This month's craft:

Boho Feather Keychain

USCL is happy to make these newspapers available to you:

- The Advertiser Tribune
- The Courier
- The Daily Chief Union
- Columbus Dispatch
- The Wall Street Journal



Homebound Services

Do you know someone who is unable to visit the library due to an illness, disability or lack of transportation? We are happy to help!

Upper Sandusky Community Library is committed to providing reading materials to all of the residents in our service area.

Holly Higgins honors this commitment through her administration of the USCL Homebound Program

This service allows reading materials to be brought directly to our patron's door by simply completing a Homebound Program Preference Form which can be picked up at the front desk. Using the Preference Form, Holly personally selects books for each participant and bags them up for delivery by one of our homebound services volunteers.

These invaluable volunteers provide delivery service on a two-week schedule though patrons are able to modify this service to fit their particular needs. Fines are never charged for materials loaned through this program so patrons can borrow with confidence.

As needs change, USCL is devoted to ensuring our patrons have access to the books they love. Whether it's a temporary or permanent need, we are here for you!



Book Sale Cancelled

The Friends of the Library Book Sale has been cancelled for 2020 in order to continue community health safety practices. Although we are thankful of the support, USCL will not be accepting book donations for future sales at this time.