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**March Events at USCL**

**Children and Youth**

**Story Time with Miss Jill**
Tiny Tots (birth-3 yrs.):
- Mondays at 10 a.m.,
- Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.,
- Wednesdays at 11a.m.
Preschool: Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

**STEAMpunks (students in grades 6-12)**
- Monday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m.

**Music Is...**
- Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
  - 4:00-4:30 p.m. For all ages.

**LEGO Night for all ages**
- Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
  - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Once A Week Geek**
- Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
  - 3:00-4:30 p.m. For students in grades 4-12.

**That Thursday Thing**
- Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26
  - 3:00-4:00 p.m. For students in grades K-12.

**Kids Can Cook (students in grades K-5)**
- Thursday, March 26
  - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
  - 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Sign up is required for this program. Sign up begins March 9.

**Adult Programs**

**Creative Pastimes**
Tuesdays, March 3 and 17
- 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Craftnoon**
Wednesday, March 4
- 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Clothing Swap**
Thursday March 5, 9 a.m.– 8 p.m.
Friday March 6, 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday March 7, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Clothing donations accepted February 28 through March 4

**BookTalk**
Thursday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m.

**Library Board Meeting**
Thursday, March 12 at 12:00 p.m.
The public is welcome to attend.

**Common Readers**
Tuesday, March 17
- 6:30 p.m.
“The Cider House Rules” by John Irving

**What’s Cookin’: Comfort Foods**
Monday, March 23
- 6:00 p.m.
Bring your favorite comfort food dish to our potluck meal. Don’t forget the recipe!

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- 3:00-4:00 p.m.
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**Craftnoon: March 4, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
March’s craft: Fairy Jar Lantern. All materials provided.
Makeovers!

March is the perfect month to shake off the winter blahs and breathe new life into your wardrobe. USCL wants to help you swap instead of shop!

For five years, the Clothing Swap has brought our community together to share and re-use gently used clothing. “You save money and the clothes are broken in so you know they won’t shrink!” says Library assistant Jenny McKee. You don’t have to donate to participate in the swap. Youth Coordinator Lisa Andres says “There’s always more than enough for everyone!”

Whether you’re stretching your budget for your family’s wardrobes or stretching your imagination with inventive upcycling, this event fits the whole community! Ready to get started? Donations of men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing, shoes, and accessories will be accepted from Friday, February 28 through Wednesday, March 4.

Why stop at refreshing your closet? Be inspired to make positive changes to your life and health by attending the “Influence of Diet and Physical Exercise on Health Conditions” program presented by Wyandot Memorial Hospital and Population Health and Wellness. Health professionals will share insights on how to find motivation to make changes in your life and health condition and the connection between diet, exercise and lifestyle changes to promote healthy living.

There will also be an introduction to the exciting services offered by the Wyandot Memorial Hospital Wellness Center. This 45 minute presentation will be followed by a question and answer session sure to get you started on your family’s wardrobes or stretching your budget for a new wardrobe.

Influence of Diet and Exercise on Health Conditions
March 19th @ 6 p.m.

Clothing and Accessories Swap
Thursday, March 5th 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, March 6th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 7th 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Making Room For Spring
We can’t stop the swap! Mark your calendars for USCL’s Plant Swap on April 16th. Bring in your house or garden plant cuttings, starts or mature plants and take home something new to grow in your yard or home.

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Making Something New
If your meals have become predictable and your recipe selection worn, look no farther than your library for inspiration!

Whether your passion is baking, feeding a family on a budget or exploring new culinary challenges, we have a cookbook for you. Simply start in the 641 section of the adult non-fiction area of the library to begin your food adventure! Or, you can begin right now with these favorites from the “What’s Cookin’” cook-book discussion group. Bon appetit!

Making Some Music
No one says it like Alphonse de Lamartine: “Music is the literature of the heart, it commences where speech ends.”

Our love for literature and the written word doesn’t end with great classics and exciting new works. Through Adventure Central, located just in front of our Children’s section, we also offer the “literature of the heart.”

Explore your untapped musical potential or celebrate auditory enlightenment with these items available for 1 week check out.

• Kala Ukulele with instruction guide
• Bodhran Celtic Cross Drums
• 13 note Chromatic Handbells Set
• Djembe Drum and Handbook
• Xylophone
• Adjustable Speed Turntable Player

Congratulations! Wilma McClain won first prize in the What’s Cookin’ Bread Contest. Charlene Beeler’s recipe was voted as favorite soup.

Lemon Poppy Zucchini Bread
4 cups flour 4 eggs
1/2 cup sugar 1 1/4 cup milk
1 (3.5 oz.) instant lemon pudding mix 1 tsp lemon extract
1 1/2 tsp baking soda 1 cup vegetable oil
1 tsp baking powder 3 Tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp salt 2 cups zucchini, shredded
1/4 cup poppy seeds 2 tsp lemon peel, grated
2 tsp lemon juice

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, and pudding mix. Add baking soda, baking powder, and salt. In another bowl, whisk eggs, milk, oil, lemon juice and lemon peel. Stir into dry ingredients just until moist. Fold in zucchini, poppy seeds, and lemon peel. Pour into 2 greased 9” x 5” loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 50-55 min. Cool for 10 min. before removing from pan.

Try some icing on top:
Mix together 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tsp. milk and 1/2 tsp lemon extract.
After the bread has cooled, frost this on top of the bread.

Potato Coconut Soup
Melt in a large pot 2 Tbsp butter
Sauteed: 1 stalk celery diced, 1/2 onion, diced, and 1/2 green pepper, diced
Add: 2 cups water, 1/2 cup split peas, 1 large potato, diced, and 2 chicken bouillon cubes.
Simmer 20 min. until tender.
Mash potatoes with masher.
Add 1 can coconut milk and 1 can creamed corn and stir.
Season with 1 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes. Simmer 30 min.
Serves 6-8

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