Common Readers

Share your views and some lively conversation with the Common Readers Book Club. Join the discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Stepping Stones Park pavilion. Stop by the front desk and request your copy of this month's title *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land.

"While the gap between upper middle-class Americans and the working poor widens, grueling low-wage domestic and service work--primarily done by women--fuels the economic success of the wealthy. Stephanie Land worked for years as a maid, pulling long hours while struggling as a single mom to keep a roof over her daughter's head. In Maid, she reveals the dark truth of what it takes to survive and thrive in today's inequitable society."

After School Covid-19 Library Guidelines

In addition to the guidelines set forth by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and the Ohio Library Council of masking while in the building and maintaining a six-foot distance, the library will be limiting the number of students in the building to those who are studying, doing homework, or checking out materials. Unfortunately, students will not be able to stay in the library to socialize with friends or play games at this time.

Socially distanced tables and computers will be made available in the public areas for students to complete homework. If necessary, the 30-minute time limit will be enforced in order to comply with the governor's mandate in regards to capacity and social distancing.

Tutors should contact the library to inquire if space is available for tutoring. Tutors can also contact Director Kathleen Whitt to further discuss space and availability. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Give Us a Call!

If you have difficulty wearing a mask, just call us and we'll be happy to select and bring materials out to your car.

Front Desk: 419-294-1345

USCL will be Closed Monday, September 7th in Observance of Labor Day.

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September 2020

Upper Sandusky Community Library

StoryWalk!

Are you looking for an innovative way to encourage your child to read and enjoy the outdoors at the same time? StoryWalk is fun for children and adults!

Created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, StoryWalk is a book that has been taken apart and presented page by page on a trail, bike path or in in store windows to promote reading and exercise.

Youth Services Coordinator Jill Stansbery has brought StoryWalk to uptown Upper Sandusky with the inaugural book "Whole World" by Christopher Corr and Fred Penner.

Miss Jill says she selected this book because, "I pictured families walking down the street singing the song as they see the pages of all the beautiful people, animals and plants that are in our world."

Jill will continue the StoryWalk through September with

"A Big Guy Took My Ball!" by Mo Williams.

"All the kids know the elephant and piggie books!" says Jill, "And I like books that show compassion."

The StoryWalk begins at the library and continues at ten uptown businesses who have generously allowed USCL to post pages for StoryWalk in their front windows.

Storywalk unites in one experience some of the best things that make life such a joy to live: family, community, and, of course, reading!

The story doesn't have to end with the walk! Check inside for the new StoryTime and Tiny Tots schedule!

Break Out Your Slow Cooker

If you love the convenience of your slow cooker but are looking for fresh inspiration, check out "What's Cookin'?" on USCL's Facebook page on September 28th. Cheryl shares her favorite slow cooker tips and recipes and recommends this tasty recipe for you to try today!

Slow-Cooker Stuffed Pepper Soup

2lb lean ground beef

2 green bell peppers, diced (about 1.5 cups)

1 small onion, diced

3 to 4 cloves garlic, minced

1 can 15 (oz) tomato sauce

1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained

1 carton (32 oz) Progresso beef-flavored broth

1 cup water

2 tablespoons packed brown sugar

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon pepper

4 cups cooked rice

Shredded cheese if desired

Spray 6-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In 12-inch skillet, cook beef over med-high heat 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Place beef in slow cooker. Stir in all remaining ingredients except rice and cheese. Cover; cook on low heat setting 7-8 hours. When about 30 minutes are left in cooking time, gently stir in cooked rice. Cover; cook about 30 minutes longer. Serve soup topped with cheese.

Voter's Registration Forms at USCL

Do you need to register to vote or update your voter registration? Registration forms are available at the USCL front desk.

October 5th is the deadline to register for the November 3rd election.

Cookbook Swap... Blind Date Style!

Are you ready for some fresh new ideas and maybe a surprise or two? On September 8th, stop by USCL for the Cookbook Swap and you're sure to find both!

The Swap table will be located outside our front entrance and you'll notice that, after having been quarantined, all the donations have been wrapped in brown paper for your safety and to reduce handling. (We know how hard it is to _NOT_ flip through a cookbook!). The book will have the titles written on them but the rest is a mystery. Take a chance and let Cheryl introduce you to the new cookbook in your life. Who knows.? You might just fall in love...with a new recipe or two!

(No previous donation required to swap!)

(Virtual) Crafternoon!

Autumn is in the air and that means it's time to bring out the Fall décor!

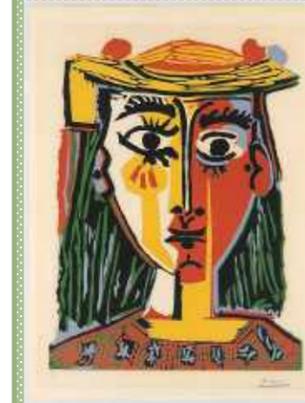Let Rachel help you start celebrating the Fall-o-days with a Harvest Crow Craft.

Just stop by the front desk to pick up a Craft Pack which has the supplies and the instructions you will need to complete your masterpiece. For additional help, you can follow along with Rachel's video tutorial on Facebook.

Art with Lisa

Explore the lives of artists and their craft in this eight week course for enthusiasts 6th grade and older.

Starting September 8th, participants can pick up their art packet that will include information about the featured artist, activities and art supplies. Then join Lisa through her Facebook videos as she leads you through exercises focused on experimenting with the artist's style and how to interpret it in your own unique way. The first course will focus on the artist Pablo Picasso.

Coming Soon...

USCL will be offering five laptops for one week check-out by the end of September.

These computers can be checked out by any patron including patrons under eighteen who have their parent's permission. A hold can also be placed if a computer is currently unavailable.

Wi-Fi hot spots can be checked out in conjunction with the laptops to allow internet access.

Join the Club!

Join Lisa for the premier of the Tween/Teen Book Club on Monday September 28th at 6:30 via Zoom and share what _you_ thought about the adventures of Emily and James as they discover an odd book and a mysterious new game!

You can pick up your copy of *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman at the library or check out an e-book through Libby.

Check out our website for your Zoom log-in and let the adventure begin!

StoryTime is Back!

Enjoy virtual StoryTime and Tiny Tots with Miss Jill starting September 7th!

Storytime: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. Check our website or Facebook for how to log in.

Tiny Tots: Mondays at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. These are prerecorded videos featuring short stories and finger plays.

"Minds are like parachutes. They only work when they are open." James Dewar