

SUMMER 2026



Library Link

Events for Adults, Children & Teens at the Upper Arlington Public Library



Unearth a Story: Your expedition into a dino-filled summer begins!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Dig Into Reading This Summer

This summer, step into a land of dinosaurs, discoveries, and page-turning fun – the **Unearth a Story 2026 Summer Reading Program**!

It runs from June 1–July 31 at all UAPL branches, and your whole family can earn prizes and grand prize entries just for reading.

Kids can color a dino footprint on their log for every day they read. Adults can set their own daily reading goal and check the box when completed. For every 10 days you read, you'll earn a prize and an entry in one of our 6 grand prize drawings. After 30 days, you've earned all 3 prizes but keep reading to get up to 3 more drawing entries using a "Read On Challenge" sheet.

Prizes available to all ages include a coupon pack at 10 days, a selection from our prize bin at 20 days, and a free book at 30 days.

We'll begin the program on Monday, June 1 with a Dino-Mite Summer Reading Kickoff Party from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at all three branches. Unearth dino activities, grab a log, and check out some books to start your reading adventure!

Many thanks to the Friends of the UAPL for their continued sponsorship of our Summer Reading Program.

Thank you also to the following for their grand prize and coupon donations: Kings Island, Ohio Renaissance Festival, Ohio State Fair, the Ohio State Parks, Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt, The Original Goodie Shop, and Studio 35 Cinema and Drafthouse.

E-waste Recycling Collection

Our Tremont Road Branch now hosts containers for electronics recycling.

Accepted items include computers and computer accessories, printers, small appliances, household electronics, cell phones, tablets, and chargers.

Note that televisions, CRT monitors, light bulbs, batteries and hazardous waste are NOT accepted.

Bring your eligible e-waste to the bins in our vestibule just outside the sliding exit door. Columbus Micro Systems collects items weekly. Be sure to wipe personal data from your devices before recycling them.



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Registration: Please register through our online program calendar at ualibrary.org.

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More info: Find more information from the Library in the bimonthly *UA Insight* publication.

On the cover: Arthur and Lilah Gannaway are ready to "Unearth a Story" in this year's Summer Reading Program.



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Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621

Upper Arlington Handicrafters

Mondays at 12:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
No registration

This is a friendly, social group for people who love to knit, crochet, and give back to the community: we donate most of what we make! Don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries! We can teach you.

The American Scene: Art in the Great Depression

Mon., June 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

Explore the rural and urban scenes of American art during the Great Depression. Join **Sean Crum** to hear about American Realism and Regionalism through artists Edward Hopper and Grant Wood.

Nonfiction Book Chats

Wed., June 3 at 6 p.m.
Wed., July 1 at 6 p.m.
Wed., August 5 at 6 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
No registration

No assignments, no obligations. Just a group of readers talking about their latest nonfiction reads, and discovering their next one.

Cookbook Club

Tue., June 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Tue., July 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Tue., August 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Each month we pick a cookbook and everyone makes one of the recipes to share with the club. See our online program calendar for cookbook titles.

UA CARES Help Desk

Wed., June 10 at 10 a.m.
Wed., July 8 at 10 a.m.
Wed., August 12 at 10 a.m.
Meeting Room A; 2 hrs.
No registration

Stop by the Help Desk for info on aging-in-place, caregiver support, food assistance, and other community support.

Behind the Music Book Club

Wed., June 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., July 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., August 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
No registration

A book club for music fans: band histories, musician memoirs, scene chronicles, studio legends, and more. Our June theme is women in music; July is music festivals; and August is music-themed novels.

Crafternoon

Fri., June 12 at 2 p.m.
Fri., July 10 at 2 p.m.
Fri., August 14 at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open

Join our staff for an afternoon of crafting, chatting and fun, and leave with something you made. Project is the same as in the Crafter-day series. See our online program calendar for projects.

Adventures with Emmy: New Tabletop Roleplaying Game

Sat., June 20 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Commons
Registration now open

Playtest a new STEM education tabletop game! Adventures with Emmy (AwE) is a tabletop roleplaying game in which you play a STEM-hero, guided by historical mathematician Emmy Noether. Instead of playing a classic RPG class like a fighter or cleric, in AwE, you choose a field, like biologist, engineer, or mathematician. Try out this game developed by researchers at The Ohio State University and the University of North Florida, and give your feedback.



Planting a Bird-Friendly Garden

Tue., June 16 at 6 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

What native plants can you plant to help your local ecosystem? Join experts from **The Grange Insurance Audubon Center** to learn what to plant to attract birds and other pollinators.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tremont Road Branch continued

Crafter-day

Sat., June 20 at 11 a.m.

Sat., July 18 at 2 p.m.

Sat., August 29 at 11 a.m.

Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.

Registration now open

Join our staff for crafting, chatting and fun, and leave with something you made. Project is the same as in the Crafternoon series. See our online program calendar for projects.

Energy Essentials

Tue., June 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., August 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Join **Sarah Fortkamp-Welch** from Sustainable UA for this three-part series designed to demystify how energy works in our homes and communities. In June, **Stephen Harris** from SOPEC and **Tonja Stewart Shaw** from the Ohio Consumers' Counsel discuss reading electric bills, the new electric rates, and other issues. In July, **Madeline Fleisher** and **Andy Leber** from Electrify Central Ohio share how to effectively reduce your household's carbon footprint by electrifying your household's major energy uses. In August, OSU Professor **Robyn Wilson** and The City of Upper Arlington's Green Team discuss climate change, fossil fuels, reducing your carbon footprint and UA's goal of achieving zero-waste, zero-pollution and zero emissions by 2050.

Caregiver Support Group

Wed., June 24 at 1 p.m.

Wed., July 22 at 1 p.m.

Wed., August 26 at 1 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

No registration

This group is led by a clinician with experience in supporting caregivers.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Fri., June 26 at 11 a.m.

Fri., July 24 at 11 a.m.

Fri., August 28 at 11 a.m.

Friends Theater & Meeting Room B;

No registration

Give the gift of donating blood. Walk-ins welcome or you can make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "UAPL".

Columbus Metropolitan Daylily Society Show

Sat., June 27 from 12:30-4 p.m.

Atrium

No registration

Come see the beautiful daylilies that local growers have been entered in the show sponsored by the **Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society**. Entries will have already been judged and places awarded prior to the show start.

Repair Café with Sustainable UA

Sat., July 18 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Commons

No registration

Repair cafés are free meeting places where volunteers can help determine if your item is repairable. These types of programs can reduce hazardous materials in the landfill.

Puzzle Swap

Sat., August 1 at 1 p.m.

The Commons; 60 min.

No registration

Stop by the library and swap puzzles with other enthusiasts. This is intended for adults with gently used puzzles, 300+ pieces.

Paint Your Way to Adventure: Miniature Painting for Gamers

Sat., August 1 at 3 p.m.

Meeting Room B; 90 min.

Registration now open

Get a quick and easy lesson on painting miniatures for gaming. Participants will each get a library-themed mini to paint and take home courtesy of The Dragon's Lair.

Anxiety and Starting School

Wed., August 5 at 6 p.m.

Meeting Room B; 90 min.

No registration

Are you or your child stressed about starting school? Learn support strategies for the new school year from **Larysa Gilbert**, a school-based clinician with Syntero.

Cultural CommUNITY Fest

Sat., August 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Commons

No registration

Join us for an afternoon of sharing food, language, and fun! We'll be joined by members of our community sharing about their culture. This will be a time to gather, learn, and grow together.

Monsters in Your Backyard: Cryptid Ohio

Tue., August 18 at 6 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

What goes bump in the night in the Buckeye State? Join UAPL staff member and cryptid fan **Matt Betts** as we hunt for all the creatures that call Ohio home. From Bigfoot to the Frogman, we'll investigate them all!

Lane Road Branch | 1945 Lane Road (614) 459-0273

Introduction to Metal Detecting

Thur., June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Registration now open

Learn about uncovering treasures and stories through metal detecting. **Bill Baecker** will talk about equipment, locations, and everything you need to know to get started with this engaging hobby.

Book Chats

Tue., June 9 at 4 p.m.
Tue., July 14 at 4 p.m.
Tue., August 11 at 4 p.m.
Hickory Meeting Room; 60 min.
No registration

No assignments, no obligations. Just a group of readers talking about their latest reads and discovering their next one.

English Conversation Practice

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. from June 10–August 12
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Registration now open

Practice English conversation in a small group led by a volunteer or library staff member. This weekly program is for adults who are learning English.

Writers' Group

Thur., June 11 at 6 p.m.
Thur., July 16 at 6 p.m.
Thur., August 20 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 1¼ hrs.
No registration

Find inspiration, accountability, and an opportunity to develop your creative writing skills at this monthly writers' group. To join, please email Victoria at vschrock@ualibrary.org.



Puzzle Palooza

Sat., June 13 from 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Competition registration opens May 13; register once for your team

Join us for an all-ages celebration of jigsaw puzzles! Drop by for casual puzzling and puzzle making, or register with friends or family for a timed puzzle competition.

Casual Puzzling – 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Drop in to work on a puzzle in the Hickory Room. No registration required.

Design Your Own Puzzle – 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (while supplies last)

Drop in to decorate your own puzzle. We'll have supplies set up for kids in the youth area and supplies for teens and adults in the Maple Room. No registration required.

48 Piece Puzzle Competition – 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This quick competition is perfect for families with younger children.

300 Piece Puzzle Competition – 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This competition will provide a moderate challenge for families, school-aged children, or eager puzzlers of any age.

500 Piece Puzzle Competition – 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This competition is perfect for adults and teens who want to prove their puzzling skills with a challenge.

Gentle Yoga for All Levels

Sun., June 14 at 3:30 p.m.
Sun., July 12 at 3:30 p.m.
Sun., August 9 at 3:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Registration opens May 31

This is a slow and gentle yoga class perfect for beginners or anyone looking for a more restorative practice. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. For those ages 18+.

Speculative Fiction Writers' Group

Sun., June 14 at 1:30 p.m.
Sun., July 12 at 1:30 p.m.
Sun., August 9 at 1:30 p.m.
Hickory Meeting Room; 90 min.
No registration

Find inspiration, accountability, and an opportunity to develop your speculative fiction writing in this monthly group. To join, please email Victoria at vschrock@ualibrary.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Lane Road Branch continued



Seashell Trinket Dishes

Sat., July 11 at 2 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 2 hrs.

Registration opens June 1

Get creative with seashells and air-dry clay and make a custom dish to hold your trinkets. All supplies provided. Open to teens and adults.

UA CARES Help Desk

Wed., June 24; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wed., August 26; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Hickory Meeting Room

No registration

Do you have questions about how to access services in Upper Arlington and Franklin County? Stop by the UA CARES Help Desk for information on aging-in-place, caregiver support, food assistance, and other support.

Paper and Paste Club

Thur., June 25 at 6 p.m.

Thur., July 23 at 6 p.m.

Thur., August 27 at 6 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

No registration

Join us on the 4th Thursday of every month to get creative in a welcoming environment with other junk journalers, collagers, zine makers and scrapbookers.

Craft Immersive Scenes with Sensory Detail with Thurber House

Thur., July 2 at 6 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Registration now open

In this generative writing workshop, we'll explore how to write using all five senses, how to determine what details to include/leave out, and how to create emotional resonance for your reader. Educator and storyteller **Jen Knox** is our presenter.

Edmund Fitzgerald: What Really Happened

Thur., July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Registration now open

What really happened to this legendary vessel? We'll explore a brief history of shipping on the Great Lakes that led up to the impressive Edmund Fitzgerald and discuss the freighter's record-breaking career. Then we'll dive into the mystery of the November 10, 1975 shipwreck that still puzzles many to this day. Presented by a speaker from the **National Museum of the Great Lakes**.

School Supplies Free-Cycle

August 5-11

No registration

Do you have extra school supplies? Or do you need supplies for the upcoming year? Participate in our school supplies free-cycle! Drop off your unused or lightly used school supplies at Lane Road starting July 18. From August 3-9, we will put out all donated supplies on a table, free to anyone who needs them.

Astronomy Night with OSU Department of Astronomy

Thur., August 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Registration opens July 23

Are you interested in learning more about our current understanding of the night sky and the universe we live in? Join us for a presentation by the OSU Department of Astronomy. Note that outdoor stargazing is not included in this program.

Bookish Trivia Tea Party

Sat., August 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Registration opens July 25

Enjoy an afternoon of tea, scones, and trivia inspired by literary classics and modern-day best sellers. Open to adults and teens.

Craft Night: Liquid Stained Glass

Thur., August 13 at 6 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Registration opens June 1

Kids shouldn't have all the crafting fun! Express your creativity with an evening of simple and nostalgic crafting. Open to teens and adults.

Miller Park Branch | 1901 Arlington Avenue (614) 488-5710

English Conversation Practice

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays at 2 p.m.
2 hrs.

Registration opens June 1

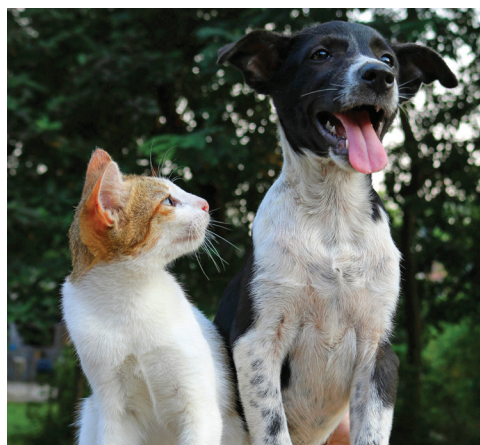
Adults can meet weekly in a small group with a library volunteer to practice and improve conversational English. Registration is limited.

Book Chats

Tue., June 2 at 2 p.m.
Tue., July 7 at 2 p.m.
Tue., August 4 at 2 p.m.
60 min.

No registration

Exchange titles and share reading recommendations with other book enthusiasts in this one-hour social literary group.



CHA Animal Shelter Visit

Sat., July 25 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
No registration

Chat with reps from CHA Animal Shelter to learn about animal adoptions and the local shelter. Dog and cat lovers ages 3+ can make crafts, too. Adoptable dogs may be on site based on availability.

Jazz Academy on Tour

Fri., July 17 at 10:30 a.m.
Outdoors; 60 min.
No registration

Perfect for all ages, this lively program invites young music fans to dance and sing along to iconic jazz tunes, while adults can enjoy the music and learn more about the genre. Led by a band of local musicians, audiences will explore important artists, history, and instruments of jazz.

UA CARES Help Desk

Tue., July 21 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
No registration

Do you have questions about how to access services in Upper Arlington and Franklin County? Stop by the UA CARES Help Desk for information on aging-in-place, caregiver support, food assistance, and other support.



Songs of America

Wed., July 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Outdoors; 60 min.
No registration

Join music lovers of all ages to hear local band **RMT** perform patriotic songs in the park. Bring blankets, chairs or a picnic. The concert will be rescheduled to July 7 if there's inclement weather.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621

Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program

June 1–July 31

Spend your summer reading and earn prizes and grand prize drawing entries. See page 2 for details.

Baby Playtime

Mondays at 11 a.m. in June & July

Youth Department; 30 min.

Ages 0–2

No registration

Babies and caregivers are invited to come together after storytime to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in June & July

Thursdays at 2 p.m. in June & July

Meeting Room B; 30 min.

Ages 3–5

No registration

Prepare your child to enter kindergarten with their best foot forward! Children will practice early literacy skills and classroom behavior in a school-like setting.

Tummy Time for Infants and Caregivers

Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

No registration

Meet other infant caregivers and engage with baby in a relaxing way to promote tummy time with an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and Physical Therapist. Bring a baby blanket.

Satur-PLAY

Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 2–6

No registration

Drop in on Saturdays for different

themed activities to build early learning skills. Themes include building, imaginative play, sensory exploration, and more!

Art Cart

Sundays from 1–4:30 p.m.

Youth Department

No registration

Children and caregivers are invited to get creative with supplies from our Art Cart and use their imaginations to make something special each Sunday.

Dino-Mite Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Monday, June 1 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 2–12

No registration

Celebrate the launch of the Summer Reading Program with dinosaur-themed activities for kids. Pick up your log and start unearthing a summer full of stories!

STEAM with STEMsters

Sat., June 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Sat., June 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Room B; 60 min.

Ages 6–12

Registration opens May 23

Come learn and test an experiment at the library! The Stemsters club from UA High School will present a fun and educational science program.

Pajama Storytime

Mon., June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Mon., July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Mon., August 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 30 min.

Ages 0–4

No registration

Come to the library in your finest bedtime attire and join us for an all-ages pajama storytime where we get the wiggles out!

Dinosaur Suncatchers

Tue., June 9 at 1 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Ages 4–12

No registration

Make a bright and colorful dinosaur suncatcher to hang in a window.

Reading to Rover

Thur., June 11 at 6 p.m.

Thur., July 9 at 6 p.m.

Thur., August 13 at 6 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Grades K–5

No registration

Practicing readers in grades K–5 will improve reading skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**.

Dinosaur Jewelry

Tue., June 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 3–12

No registration

Join us as we make dinosaur-themed jewelry with a variety of beads, pendants and other fun materials.

Bookworm Buddies

Wed., June 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Thur., July 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Wed., August 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

Ages 8–12

No registration

Join us for bookish discussion and activities, and vote on future reads! New members welcome — no need to have read the book. Copies of next month's pick will be available for checkout.

LEGO Challenge

Thur., June 18 at 4 p.m.

Thur., July 16 at 4 p.m.

Thur., August 20 at 4 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Ages 6-12

No registration

Calling all LEGO lovers! Kids will develop STEAM and teamwork skills as they master fun challenges. Drop by anytime between 4-5 p.m.

Dinosaur Discovery Day

Tue., June 23 at 3:30 p.m.

The Commons; 90 min.

Ages 0-5

No registration

Calling all dinosaur lovers! Stomp into the library for dino-themed fun and activities.

Fascinating Fossils

Thur., June 25 at 2 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Ages 6-12

No registration

Learn about fossil formation with an educator from **Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District**.

Babywearing Basics

Fri., June 26 at 11:15 a.m.

The Commons; 45 min.

No registration

Drop by and meet with OT and babywearing expert **Jordan Morillo** to try on different baby carriers and discover what will work best for you and your child, from infant to toddler.

Red, White and Bikes

Thur., July 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Outdoors; 2 hrs.

Ages 5+

No registration

Come "shop" our free red, white and blue supplies to decorate your bike at home for the 4th of July parade or your own celebration. Materials available while supplies last.



Crafty Cooldown

Mon., July 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 3-12

No registration

Take a break from the heat and join us for some super cool summer-themed crafts!

All About Birds with the Grange Audubon Center

Tue., July 7 at 2 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Ages 4-12

No registration

Did you know that birds are modern day descendants of dinosaurs? Learn all about these amazing creatures from educators from the **Grange Audubon Center**. No live animals at this event.

Jurassic Journey with Discovery2Go

Fri., July 10 at 1:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Youth Department; 45 min.

Ages 5-11

Registration opens June 26

Calling all kid paleontologists! Explore the study of dinosaurs in this hands-on program led by STEM teachers. Learn about dinosaurs and fossils, then hunt for bones in the dig pit!

Hunters of the Sky with Glen Helen Raptor Center

Sat., June 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Ages 6+

Registration opens June 6

Have you ever wondered about the birds flying through the sky? In this program, learn about three types of Ohio native raptors, and meet live educational ambassador birds from the **Glen Helen Raptor Center**.

Fossil Party:

Can You Dig It?

Sat., July 11 at 10 a.m.

Tremont Commons; 2 hrs.

Ages 3-12

No registration

Do you LOVE fossils? Let's celebrate by creating your very own fossil to take home, making fossil-themed crafts, games and more.

Rock Painting

Tue., July 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 6+

No registration

Looking for a creative outlet? Come paint a rock at the library. Supplies will be provided.

D.I.Y. Paratroopers with National Veterans Memorial & Museum

Wed., July 15 at 3 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Ages 8+

No registration

Explore the role of paratroopers through an activity led by **National Veterans Memorial & Museum** educators. After learning about the history of paratroopers, participants will make their own parachutes.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tremont Road Branch continued

Pirate Parrrty

Sat., July 18 at 10 a.m.

Atrium; 2 hrs.

Ages 4-12

No registration

Ahoy, mateys! Join your crewmates for a morning of pirate-themed crafts and activities. There will be treasure maps to draw, knots to tie, eye patches to wear – and a plank to walk!

DIY Keychains

Tuesday, July 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 6-12

No registration

Come create fun and nostalgic keychains with the library! All levels of creativity and experience are welcome.

Dinosaur Trivia

Thur., July 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Ages 5+

No registration

Keep your brain from fossilizing with a game of dinosaur trivia! Players can show off their smarts, win themed prizes, and learn new facts about these prehistoric beasts.

Nature Recycles

Mon., August 10 at 2 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Ages 4-10

No registration

Learn about worms and decomposition with educators from **SWACO**. Live worms will be present.

Throwback Toys

Sun., August 16 at 2 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 4+

No registration

Blast to the past with popular toys from previous eras! Children and their nostalgic adults will love this retro and intergenerational playtime.

Geode Smash

Mon., August 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Outdoors; 90 min.

Ages 6+

No registration

That's no ordinary rock! Smash open a geode to discover what's inside, then learn about how geodes form. While supplies last. Rain date is August 25.

Pokémon Week

Guess That Pokémon

Mon., August 3 at 3 p.m. (for young and new fans)

Mon., August 3 at 5 p.m. (for masters)

Youth Department; 45 min.

Ages 5+

No registration

Test your knowledge of Pokémon silhouettes in this real-life version of "Who's That Pokémon?"

Pokémon Trivia

Tue., August 4 at 3 p.m. (young and new fans)

Tue., August 4 at 5 p.m. (experienced fans)

Youth Department; 45 min.

Ages 5+

No registration

Test your Pokémon knowledge alongside fellow fans.

Pokémon Arts & Crafts

Wed., August 5 from 3-5 p.m.

Thur., August 6 from 3-5 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 5+

No registration

Channel your inner Smeargle and get ready for some arts and crafts. Projects will be the same each day. While supplies last.



Lane Road Branch | 1945 Lane Road (614) 459-0273



Reptile & Dinosaur Adventures with Dino Buddies

Mon., June 8 from 2-4 p.m.

Outdoors

Ages 4+

No registration

Celebrate a summer of all things dinosaur and reptile with **Dino Buddies**. Learn about dinosaurs, explore prehistoric fossils, and meet and hold real, living reptiles! We'll meet indoors if there's inclement weather.

Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program

June 1-July 31

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Make It and Take It Mondays

Mondays from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room

Ages 3+

No registration

Stop in to complete an art activity perfect for kids. Focus on the process, not the results! While supplies last.

Baby Playtime

Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. in June & July

Redwood Meeting Room; 30 min.

Ages 0-2

No registration

Babies and caregivers are invited to Lane Road for playtime! Come together to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy.

Twos and Threes Playtime

Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. in June & July

Redwood Meeting Room; 30 min.

Ages 2-3

No registration

Toddlers and caregivers are invited to come together to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy skills.

Dino-Mite Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Monday, June 1 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room

Ages 2-12

No registration

Celebrate the launch of the Summer Reading Program with dinosaur-themed activities for kids. Pick up your log and start unearthing a summer full of stories!

Dino Art: Chalk Pastels

Tue., June 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Tue., July 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Ages 6+

Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Create an awesome dinosaur drawing with chalk pastels! Led by professional artist **Becky Gehrisch**.

Playgroup

Wed., June 3 & 17 at 10 a.m.

Wed., July 1, 15 & 29 at 10 a.m.

Wed., August 12 & 26 at 10 a.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Ages 0-5

No registration

Mingle with other parents and caregivers as your little ones play together. Meet new friends in the area! On June 17, July 15 and August 12, we'll be joined by a friendly therapy dog.

Puzzle Palooza

Sat., June 13 from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Competition registration opens May 13; register once for your team

Join us for an all-ages celebration of jigsaw puzzles! Drop by for casual puzzling and puzzle making, or register with friends or family for a timed puzzle competition. See page 5 for the list of events.

Preschool Adventures

Mon., June 15 & 29 at 10 a.m.

Mon., July 13 & 27 at 10 a.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Ages 3-5

No registration

Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers can explore stations designed to inspire curiosity, develop fine motor skills, and encourage collaboration. Join us for a new themed adventure each session!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Lane Road Branch continued

Reading to Rover

Mon., June 15 at 4 p.m.

Mon., July 20 at 4 p.m.

Mon., August 17 at 4 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Grades K-5

No registration

Practicing readers in grades K-5 will improve reading skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in anytime between 4-5 p.m.

Block Builders

Sat., June 20 at 10 a.m.

Sat., July 18 at 10 a.m.

Sat., August 15 at 10 a.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Ages 3-8

No registration

Get ready to stack, snap, and build your imagination! This program invites young creators to explore the world of building using LEGOs, bricks, and more.

Eras of You:

Yoga & Crafts Camp

Tue., June 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Ages 7-14

Registration opens June 9

Join us for a Taylor Swift-themed yoga and mindfulness camp! Explore your "eras" through yoga and crafts. Bring a water bottle and comfortable clothing.

Drop-in Dino Art

Fri., June 26 from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room

Ages 4-18

No registration

Create a cute dinosaur-themed masterpiece, or craft something truly terrifying...it's up to you!

Red, White and Bikes

Mon., June 29 at 3 p.m.

Outdoors; 90 min.

Ages 5+

No registration

Come "shop" our free red, white and blue supplies to decorate your bike at home for the 4th of July parade or your own celebration. Materials available while supplies last.

Dinosaur Dance Party

Mon., July 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Ages 3+

No registration

Drop in to make a dinosaur mask and claws and prepare to dance like dinosaurs.

Dinosaur & Reptile

Air Dry Clay Art

Wed., July 22 at 3:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Ages 5+

No registration

Create a cool dinosaur or reptile out of air dry clay.

Meet Raptors!

Tue., July 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Ages 6+

Registration opens July 14

Meet birds of prey with our friends from the **Ohio School of Falconry**. Live animals will be present. Note: This event is only for ages 6 and up.

Baby Camp-in

Tue., August 18 at 10:15 a.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 75 min.

No registration

Babies, we are camping in the library! Camping activities and tents provided.

Sticker Week

August 24-30

Ages 3+

No registration

Swap and create stickers all week! Stop by anytime we're open to donate and trade stickers with other kids or make your own. Best suited for kids ages 3+ and their caregivers.



Hedgehog Mystery Magic with Erica Carlson

Wed., June 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Ages 3+

Registration opens June 10

Help local author and magician **Erica Carlson** solve a mystery during a family-friendly, interactive magic show with her spiky pal Sedge the Hedgeie, the live hedgehog.

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Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program

June 1–July 31

Spend your summer reading and earn prizes and grand prize drawing entries. See page 2 for details.

Twos & Threes Playtime

Mondays at 10:45 a.m. in June & July

30 min.

Ages 2–3

No registration

Toddlers and caregivers are invited to come together after storytime to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early learning skills.

Baby Playtime

Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. in June & July

30 min.

Ages 0–2

No registration

Babies and caregivers are invited to come together after storytime to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy.

Dino-Mite Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Monday, June 1 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ages 2–10

No registration

Celebrate the launch of the Summer Reading Program with dinosaur-themed activities for kids. Pick up your log and start unearthing a summer full of stories!



Nature Lab Jr.

Sat., June 20 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Sat., July 18 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ages 2–5

No registration

Calling all young explorers, inventors, scientists, and curious kids! Experiment and learn about nature and science-themed topics through fun, interactive activities. In June, we're Diggin' for Dinos. In July, we try to answer Who Would Win?

Play and Learn

Fri., June 5 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Fri., July 31 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Fri., August 28 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ages 2–5

No registration

Drop in to enjoy fun play stations. These skill-building activities may include games, play dough, cars, blocks, or crafts.

Reading to Rover

Wed., June 10 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Wed., July 8 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Wed., August 12 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Grades K–5

No registration

Practicing readers will improve reading skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in anytime between 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Animal Ambassadors

Fri., June 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Outdoors; 60 min.

Ages 2+

No registration

Meet the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium's** animal ambassadors while you play on the playground. Possible visitors include penguins, sloths, foxes, armadillos, tortoises, and lizards. No formal presentation.

Book Buddies: Little Buddies

Wed., June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

60 min.

Grades 1–4

Registration opens two weeks prior

Elementary students will practice reading and play games with a local teen. This one-hour program builds literacy skills in a fun, low-pressure environment.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Miller Park Branch continued



Fun Day Carnival

Thur., July 30 from 6–7:30 p.m.
No registration

Join us for our annual free outdoor carnival! Play games and win prizes in a book walk, bean bag toss, parachute play and more. Don't miss out on this end-of-summer fun.

Young Art Explorers

Fri., June 26 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Fri., July 24 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Fri., August 21 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Ages 2–5
No registration

Children ages 2–5 and their caregivers can drop in to make their own process art masterpieces using a variety of fun supplies. Join us monthly for creative exploration and artistic skill-building.

Red, White and Bikes

Sun., June 28 from 1–4 p.m.
Ages 3+
No registration

Come “shop” our free red, white and blue supplies to decorate your bike at home for the 4th of July parade or your own celebration. Materials available while supplies last.

Songs of America

Wed., July 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Outdoors; 60 min.
No registration

Join music lovers of all ages to hear local band **RMT** perform patriotic songs in the park. Bring blankets, chairs or a picnic. The concert will be rescheduled to July 7 if there's inclement weather.

Book to Big Screen:

Winnie the Pooh
Fri., July 10 at 10 a.m.
Outdoors; 90 min.
No registration

Young children and families can watch *Winnie the Pooh* (2011) outdoors on the grass. Bring blankets and snacks for a morning of books coming to life! Rated G, listed for ages 3+ by Common Sense Media.

Jazz Academy on Tour

Fri., July 17 at 10:30 a.m.
60 min.
No registration

Young music fans can dance and sing along to a live performance of iconic jazz tunes. Led by a band of local musicians, kids will learn about important artists, history, and instruments of jazz!

CHA Animal Shelter Visit

Sat., July 25 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Ages 3+
No registration

Dog and cat lovers can make crafts and chat with reps from **CHA Animal Shelter** to learn about animal adoption and the local shelter. Adoptable dogs may be on site based on availability.

UA City Truck Visit

Fri., August 7 from 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Ages 1–8
No registration

See a snowplow and/or a trackhoe up close when the **City of Upper Arlington Public Works Division** visits Miller Park with their equipment.

Meet Reptiles with WAVE on Wheels

Fri., August 14 from 10:30–11:30 a.m.
No registration

What makes a reptile a reptile? Kids can drop in to compare different types of reptiles during a meet-and-greet with 2–3 animal ambassadors, such as snakes, lizards, turtles or tortoises. Presented by WAVE Foundation at Newport Aquarium.

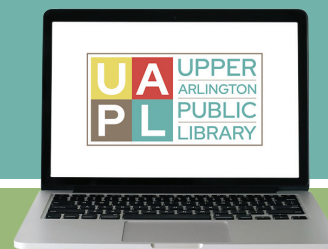
Toy Story Party

Mon., August 17; 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Ages 2+
No registration

Children and their caregivers are invited to drop in and experience the magic at Miller Park when toys come to life. Enjoy games, crafts, and activities at this fun-filled Toy Story party!

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Tremont Road Branch

Teen Advisory Board

Mon., June 8 at 3:45 p.m.

Mon., July 13 at 3:45 p.m.

Mon., August 10 at 3:45 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

Ages 13-18

No registration

Our Teen Advisory Board helps the library with decisions and tasks. Get involved with your library!

Dungeons and Dragons

Thur., June 11 & 25; July 9 & 23; and August 6 & 20 at 5 p.m.

Friends Theater & Room B; 2 hrs.

Ages 12-18

No registration

Join us as we learn and play the beloved game Dungeons and Dragons. No experience required.

Teen Book Club

Fri., June 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Fri., July 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Fri., August 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

Ages 13-18

No registration

If you love books and tropes, media and narrative, or anything related, come to Teen Book Club! Meet fellow readers and talk about the stories you love (or hate).

Lane Road Branch

Metal Detecting

Thur., June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.

Teens and adults

Registration now open

Adults and teens can learn about uncovering treasures and stories through metal detecting. **Bill Baecker** will talk about everything you need to know to get started.

Puzzle Palooza

Sat., June 13; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Open to all ages

Competition registration opens

May 13; register once for your team

Join us for a celebration of jigsaw puzzles! See page 5 for the list of events.

Paper and Paste Club

Thur., June 25 at 6 p.m.

Thur., July 23 at 6 p.m.

Thur., August 27 at 6 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Teens and adults

No registration

Join us on the 4th Thursday of every month to get creative in a welcoming environment with other collagers, junk journalers, zine makers and scrapbookers. For teens and adults.

Craft Night:

Liquid Stained Glass

Thur., August 13 at 6 p.m.

Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.

Teens and adults

Registration opens June 1

Express your creativity with an evening of simple and nostalgic crafting. Open to teens and adults.

Miller Park Branch

Book Buddies: Big Buddies

Wed., June 24 at 6 p.m.

Wed., July 22 at 6 p.m.

90 min.

Grades 6-12

Registration opens two weeks prior

Teen volunteers will earn service credit by coaching an elementary school "buddy" in reading and playing games, helping them to grow confident and excited about reading.

Teen Service Club

Thur., June 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Thur., July 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Thur., August 20 at 6:30 p.m.

60 min.

Grades 6-12

Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Teen volunteers will help with library projects and earn an hour of service credit.

Craft for a Cause

Wed., August 26 at 6:30 p.m.

60 min.

Grades 6-12

Registration opens August 12

Make a difference! Teens will earn service hours by creating meaningful crafts that directly support local nonprofits and community organizations.

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SUMMER

Storytimes

**TREMONT ROAD
BRANCH**

Jun 2-Jul 30

Babytime

(0-24 months)

Mon @ 10:30

Thur @ 11:30

Twos & Threes

(2-3 years)

Tue @ 10:30

Wed @ 10:30

Preschool

(3-5 years)

Thur @ 10:30

Families

(All ages)

Wed @ 5:30

**LANE ROAD
BRANCH**

Jun 2-Jul 30

Babytime

(0-24 months)

Tue @ 10:15

Twos & Threes

(2-3 years)

Thur @ 10:15

**MILLER PARK
BRANCH**

Jun 1-Jul 29

Babytime

(0-24 months)

Wed @ 10:15

Twos & Threes

(2-3 years)

Mon @ 10:15

