

Between the Bookends

Spring 2025

Your Quarterly Guide to Programs at Huron Public Library



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**Read Across
America Day:
March 2**



April is

**National
Poetry
Month**



National Library Week: April 6-12

OPEN EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. | Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Sunday: 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.**

STAFF CORNER

We congratulate the following staff on their HPL anniversaries: Chantelle Hutchinson (3 years) and Jacki Folliett (1 year) in May.

A special thank you to the Mylander Foundation for funding the Aunt Flow initiative at Huron Public Library. Located in our main floor women's restroom and our basement family restrooms are now three Aunt Flow FREE hygiene dispensers. Aunt Flow is on a mission to ensure every person has access to quality, free period products, and we're proud to partner with this company to provide this free service to our community.

America 250 Programs: America, Ohio, & Huron - Linked in History



“Let Ohio Women Vote” Documentary Film Discussion

Tuesday, March 11 at 5 p.m.

Professor Kimberly Hamlin served as the historical consultant for the CET/Think-TV documentary “Let Ohio Women Vote” and is available for screenings and/or discussions of the 60-minute film, produced by Ann Rotolante. “Let Ohio Women Vote” chronicles the role of Ohio women in securing the vote — from Frances Wright, who in 1828 became the first woman to speak in public in Cincinnati, to Oberlin graduate Mary Church Terrell who became the founding president of the National Association of Colored Women in 1890 — and highlights Ohio’s important role in women’s activism. The film points out the vital links between abolition and women’s rights and connects the story of the 19th Amendment to ongoing debates about voting rights and voter access. Viewers will be encouraged to think about what issues propelled women into activism, the role of race/racism in securing women’s right to vote, and the connections between women’s personal and political lives.

Arrive at 5 p.m. to watch a screening of the movie OR watch the movie at home and arrive at 6 p.m. for the discussion.

QR Code to the right for a link to the movie.

Professor Hamlin will be joining us via Zoom.



Ohio's Lake Shore Electric Railroad System

Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

For three decades, from 1900 to 1930, the electric interurban railway played a major part in the economic life of the Midwest. By 1915 Ohio had 2,780 miles of interurban track, transporting passengers and cargo until the popularity of automobiles and buses lead to its collapse. During that period the Lake Shore Electric Railway operated routes from Cleveland to Detroit, via Avon Lake, Lorain, Vermilion, Huron, Sandusky, and Toledo. Highlights of this presentation will include photos of passengers, stations, stops, bridges, trains, and route maps of Huron, Ohio and its surrounding communities.

Presented by the Huron Historical Society

The Huron Historical Society has open hours every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

America, Ohio, and Huron - Linked in History is funded in part by the America 250-Ohio Commission.

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APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Poetry Book Bundles

April 1-30 | As Supplies Last

Celebrate National Poetry Month by picking up a Poetry Book Bundle featuring a poetry book, free goodies, and more that celebrate this written art form. The book bundles are first come, first serve and as supplies last in the Adult Services Department upstairs.

Poem-A-Day

April 1-30 | As Supplies Last

Each day in April, celebrate National Poetry month by taking home a free poem. Each day will feature a brand new poem. Pick them up near the circulation desk. The poems will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Open Poetry Reading

Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Help celebrate National Poetry Month! Bring a poem or three to read or just come listen. Refreshments will be provided.

Discover Poetry

Discover poetry in our adult collection. Works on the art of poetry can be found in the 808 section of non-fiction. Works of poetry can be found in the 808.81-841 section of non-fiction.



The Friends of Huron Public Library Media Lab & Community Podcast

Located upstairs in the adult services area, the Friends of Huron Public Library Media Lab will be available for patron use to record, edit, and explore digital media of all kinds.

Appointments are for public use of the media lab. Please call the library at (419) 433-5009. The media lab can be used to record and edit video, sound, and photography.

- **The Huron Beacon Podcast** now has six podcast episodes available. The podcast features different City of Huron and Erie County organizations each month, discussing their organization. Scan the QR code to listen to all episodes.
- **Watch our website for announcements on who will be our featured guests this quarter.**
- New episodes premiere on the fourth Friday of each month on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, and Castbox. Visit our website and click the "Community" tab and then "Huron Beacon Podcast" for more information and a link to listen.
- *A special thanks to the Wightman Wieber Charitable Foundation for their funding of the Friends of Huron Public Library Media Lab.*

Huron Beacon Podcast



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YOUTH SERVICES

SPRING STORYTIME SESSIONS

Select Tuesdays & Wednesdays
March 4-26
April 1-2
No registration required.



Family Storytime

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Babies & Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m. (with a caregiver)

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3 1/2 to 5)

Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. (without a caregiver)

STAY & PLAY AT THE LIBRARY

Special Stay & Play AT NIGHT

Tuesday, March 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Regular Stay & Play

Wednesday, March 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Preschool Stay & Play

Wednesday, March 26 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Families with babies and toddlers are invited to the children's play area for a read aloud story, followed by a chance to play with the Library's STEAM cart of educational toys.

Suggested for children ages 1 to 5 with a caregiver.

Lunch Bunch at Lakefront Park

Friday, May 16 at 11 a.m.

Lakefront Park: 310 Park St

Bring a blanket, pack a lunch, and get ready for a beautiful morning of outdoor storytime with Miss Melissa at Lakefront Park.

Kid's Art Club

Kindergarten-Grade 2 | *Registration required*

Monday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Participate in this club that meets once a season to learn about art beyond the craft table.

Visiting artist will teach a lesson in a specific art genre to encourage the children to embrace their inner artist.

George Richmond RETURNS for part two of pottery - painting and glazing. Participants will get to paint pottery.

Mr. Richmond will then fire them in the kiln, and the artists will be able to pick up their final pottery piece at the library at a later date.



Take & Make Crafts

Kindergarten - Grade 6 | *Registration required*

Monday, March 10 | Spring Bug Craft Stick Ornament

Monday, April 14 | Fuzzy Bug Finger Puppet

Monday, May 12 | Melting for May

Youth Services assembles craft kits with all the supplies needed to make a fun craft at home this season. Kits are available during operating hours.



Drop-in Lego Builders Club

Kindergarten - Grade 6

Thursday, March 6

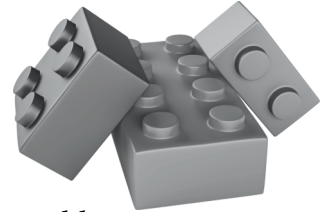
Thursday, April 3

Thursday, May 1

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(Last drop-in at 5:15 p.m.)

Drop in for some LEGO fun. Build a LEGO masterpiece to be kept on display in the Library between programs.



Girls Who Code Coding Club

Grades 3-6 | *Registration required*

Thursdays - March 6 to April 24

Interested in coding and making new friends? This club aims to close the gender gap in science and technology by teaching computer skills to girls in a supportive environment. Boys may also register. Participants should attend all dates.

The final presentation, open to family and friends, will take place Thursday, April 24.



Save the Date:

Battle of the Books 2025

For students entering grade 4 - 8 in the 2025-2026 school year.

The information session for Battle of the Books is on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. and is open to parents, guardians, and caregivers with their tween(s) who would like to participate in Battle of the Books this year.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Battle of the Books Ambassadors

Aged out of Battle of the Books but still want to participate? Connect with this year's team by becoming a BTOB ambassador. Assist with coaching, questions, and other special tasks. More information and an application to come.

YOUTH SERVICES

STEAM Team

Kindergarten-Grade 2 | *Registration required*

Select Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19 | Meet a Scientist

Wednesday, April 16 | Guests from Willoway Nurseries

Wednesday, May 21 | Family Science Fair:
Erie Metroparks

STEAM Team 2.0

Grade 3 - Grade 6 | *Registration required*

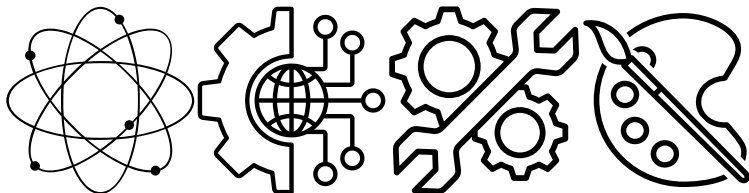
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Wednesday, May 21 | Family Science Fair:
Erie Metroparks

In this series of programs, children can explore all the subjects of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, & mathematics), paired with activities based on exciting themes.



Rockin' Readers Book Club

Grade 3 - Grade 5 | *Registration required*

Select Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

March 12, April 9, and May 14

Book club selections are available in the Library for younger tweens that want to join this monthly club. Read the book and discuss with the group. Group members help select each month's books. Parent/guardian permission is required to participate.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Library Council

Grade 7 - Grade 12 | *Application required*

Select Mondays at 4 p.m.

March 31, April 28, and May 19

Teens interested in contributing ideas that can make a difference in their library and community can bring their thoughts to these monthly meetings. Current TLC members and new members are both welcome. To join TLC, applications must be filled out by both the applicant and a guardian. Visit our website and search "Teen Library Council" or stop by the Library to pick up an application. Join the REMIND app by texting @HPLTLC to 81010.

Teen Cooking Challenge

Grade 7 - Grade 12 | *Registration required*

Wednesday, April 2



This popular teen program continues with a new and delicious recipe. Teens can register for a cooking kit including all the ingredients needed for a simple and fun recipe to try at home.

This quarter: **Peanut Butter & Jelly Day**

Pizza & Pages

Grade 7 | *Registration required*

March 27, April 17, and May 22 at 11 a.m.

Bringing book club to a lunchroom near you. A HPL Youth Service library staff member will visit McCormick Middle School once a month for this trial run of a one-chapter book club. Read the first chapter of a selected book while feasting on pizza donated from Huron's Domino's Pizza and decide to read it or return it. Starting with 7th grade students for March, April, and May. Books will be available for checkout during this meal break.



Teens & Young Adults are invited and welcome to attend any adult programs on pages 8-10.

Adulting 101 (Series 3 of 4) Grades 6-12 & Young Adults | *Registration suggested*
Wednesday, April 2 at 6 p.m.

Teens and young adults can visit the Library and learn skills that are vital for thriving as an adult. Join Erie County OhioMeansJobs for this tutorial training of how to navigate their website to its fullest potential and assist with job search questions. Bring a copy of your current resume for additional assistance on updating your potential for-hire.

Dungeons & Dragons Grades 6-12 & Young Adults | *Registration required*

Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Create a Dungeons & Dragon's character and dive into this fantasy tabletop role-playing game. Suggested for those who have played prior, but not limited for beginners. A feast of snacks will be provided for those participating.



TWEENS & TEENS

Coffee Crew

Grades 6-12 | Select Thursdays right after school
OFFSITE at Gathering Grounds Coffee House
March 27, April 24, and May 22



Tweens & Teens can meet up with Youth Services Staff at Gathering Ground Coffee Shop once a month to get a specialty drink and have an open discussion about what they are reading, listening to, or watching. Afterwards the crew will walk back to the library to pick out new material or make suggestions amongst their peers. Students can purchase from a discounted \$5 menu provided by Gathering Grounds along with their traditional menu.

After School Gaming Club

Grades 6-12 | Select Mondays from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
March 24, April 14, and May 19

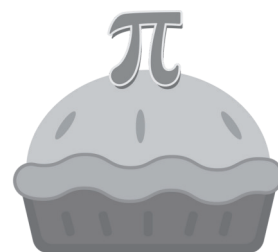


Thanks to the ULEAD project and Friends of Huron Public Library, the Library has gaming equipment, consoles, and video games for after-school play. The club will have laptops available for gamers to join in the same online room and play collectively as a team.

Pi-Day After School Event

Grades 6-12 | Friday, March 14 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant of 3.14(π), which is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. For after school students it is an opportunity to complete some Pi Day activities. All kinds of pie will be offered including pizza and dessert pies. While supPIES last.



Sunday Movie Matinee

Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m.

The popular book turned movie, *Dog Man*, will be playing at the Library with the movie release date in May. Based on the popular book series by Dav Pilkey, enjoy this holiday weekend at the library with a movie matinee. Snacks and seating will be provided. Copies of the book and the sequels will be available for checkout.



May the 4th Be With You

Sunday, May 4

Visit the Library on this special day to check out a space-theme display that will include activities and a variety of Star Wars materials. Patrons can receive a Star Wars token for checking out any materials related to the franchise, whether you root for the Dark Side or the Rebel Alliance. One token per patron while supplies last.



Summer Learning Program Save the Date

Registration for the
2025 Summer Learning Program begins on
Monday, June 9 at 10 a.m.

Huron Public Library staff are ready to COLOR OUR WORLD with the 2025 Summer Learning Program for ALL ages. Keep an eye out for more information soon. In the meantime, mark your calendars with our registration launch date.

Summer Learning is for everyone, and all ages are welcome to participate!

**COLOR
OUR
WORLD™**

ADULT PROGRAMS

CRAFTS & LEISURE



Spice it Up Pickup

Tuesday, April 1

Kits available on a first come, first served basis.

Like to try new things to eat? Do you love to watch travel shows that highlight food? Every other month, a new recipe and the spices needed to make a meal are provided, along with background information on the culture of the food.

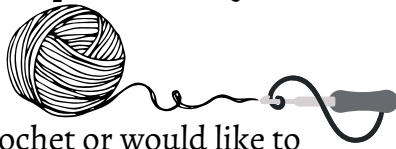
Stitch Niche Crochet Club

Select Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in the Quiet Reading Room

March 11 & 25

April 8 & 22

May 6 & 20



Do you love to crochet or would like to learn how? Teens and adults can join in on the crochet craze and share current yarn projects, get help, or just enjoy being in the company of other crafters.

Art Club

Select Tuesdays

March 18, April 8, and May 13 at 3 p.m.

Draw or paint a chosen still life and learn tips from others. Art supplies will not be provided.



Crafternoon: Mother's Day

Friday, May 2 at 1 p.m.

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 11. Make a homemade gift for that special person.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Empowered Caregiver: Building Foundations of Caregiving

Tuesday, March 4 at 1 p.m.

This program explores the role of caregiver and changes they may experience, building a support team and managing caregiver stress.

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Northwestern Ohio.

Senior Stretch

Every Tuesday March - May at 10:30 a.m.

except April 15 and May 6

Beverly Henderson will be teaching this basic stretching class geared towards senior citizens.



GAMES

Chess with Paul Sherwood

Join local chess enthusiast Paul Sherwood, who is available as instructor or competitor. Come for fun or to improve. Beginners welcome.



Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m., Sunday March 9 at 1 p.m., and Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m., Sunday, April 13 at 1 p.m., and Tuesday, April 22 at 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 11 at 1 p.m., and Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.

Mahjong Mondays

Join local Mahjong players for a game of Mahjong. Beginners welcome.



Every Monday, March - May at 11:30 a.m. except when the Library is closed.

Euchre Night

Select Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 14 & 28

Join other euchre players for a game of euchre. Beginners welcome. Bring a deck of cards if possible.



Scrabble Fridays

Select Fridays at 1 p.m.

March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, & May 9 & 23

Join other scrabble lovers for a few hours of afternoon word play. Beginners welcome.



Firelands Free Health Screenings

Friday, March 7, April 4, and May 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Firelands Regional Medical Center offers free screenings including blood pressure tests and information about breast health for both men & women.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 15 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To donate blood you must be at least 18 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs., and have not donated in the last 56 days. Appointments are not necessary, but if you'd like to make one, please visit redcrossblood.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK GROUPS

Join one of the library's monthly book groups this spring. Selections are available at the library. eBook and audiobook versions may be available on the Libby and Hoopla apps.

Mystery Book Group

Select Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

March 17 *Devotion of Suspect X* by Keigo Higashino

April 21 *Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith

May 19 *The Searcher* by Tana French

Real Reads Book Group

Select Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Offsite at Gathering Grounds Coffee House

March 18 *Helltown* by Casey Sherman

April 22 *Last to Eat, Last to Learn* by Pashtana Durrana and Tamara Bralo

May 27 *The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom

Romance Book Group

Select Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Offsite at Gathering Grounds Coffee House

March 24 *A Love Song for Ricki Wilde* by Tia Williams

April 28 *The Truth According to Ember* by Danica Nava

May 19 *Out on a Limb* by Hannah Bonam-Young

The Book Exchange Book Group

Select Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 20 *Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

April 17 *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

May 15 *Do No Harm* by Dr. Henry Marsh

Silent Book Club

Select Thursdays at 5 p.m.

Offsite at Gathering Grounds Coffee House in The Study

March 13, April 10, & May 15

Bring your current book or audiobook and read or listen (with headphones) for one hour with fellow readers. No pressure to talk about the book or converse with anyone.

LUNCHTIME PROGRAMS

Erie County Community

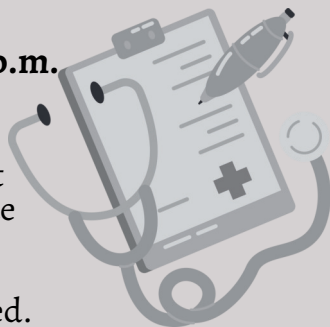
Health Assessment

Thursday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

Registration required

Eliot Dyer from the Erie County Health Department will discuss the county-wide community health assessment.

Coffee & tea will be provided.



TECHNOLOGY

Smartphone Basics

Monday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Registration required

In this class taught by Kayla Cicola, participants will learn common terminology, the basic functions of a smartphone, how to install apps, and much more. This class will cover both Android and Apple iOS phones.



HPL Media Lab 101

Monday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Registration required

Discover the Friends of Huron Public Library Media Lab, and learn about the different ways patrons can create, edit, and share audio and visual media.

Canva for Beginners

Monday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Registration required

Interested in learning Canva? An HPL expert will teach everything one needs to know about this accessible graphic design software.

Sign Language Group

Select Thursdays at 6 p.m.

March 13, April 10, and May 8

Learn beginning sign language with fellow students in a entertaining & informal setting.



Historic Lyme Village

Thursday, April 10 at 1 p.m.

Registration required

Tom Rife, president of Historic Lyme Village, will discuss the history & important facts about the village.

Tea Tasting

Thursday, May 15 at 1 p.m. Registration required

The annual tea tasting will once again be presented by the Summer Sisters, experts in all things tea. Refreshments will be served.



DISCUSSION GROUPS

Lake Erie Writers Alliance

Select Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, and May 7 & 21

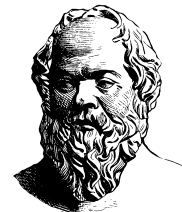
On the first Wednesday of the month, engage in writing critiques, discussions, & more. The second meeting of the month is the Write In, dedicated to spending an hour writing. All levels of writers welcome.



Socrates Cafe

Monday, March 3, April 14, and
and May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Discuss philosophical topics with fellow patrons. Socrates Café allows the participants of the discussions to determine the ongoing course of the conversations. Each month's topic flows from the preceding meeting's conversation.



ADULT SPEAKERS SERIES

More than Edison and the Wright Brothers: Inventors from Ohio who changed the World

Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Doug Hulett, Civil War reenactor with over 25 years of historical presentations and programming, will present an informative program on Ohio's other inventors.

The Tale of Three Writers: Millie, Virginia and Christine

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m.

Mildred "Millie" Wirt Benson was the original ghostwriter of the Nancy Drew series. Virginia Hamilton was the most honored author of children's literature, ever. Christine Brennan is the USA Today sports columnist, television commentator, author, and speaker. Discover what all three have in common, their inspirations and the story behind sharing their life journeys.

Sponsored by the College Women of Sandusky

The Big Three: Lucitania, Eastland, and Edmond Fitzgerald

Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Perhaps the three greatest shipwreck disasters of the last century. Do these three ships have a secret in common? Georgann and Mike from Inland Seas will tell the stories and explore the secrets of these tragic shipwreck disasters.

Presented by Inland Seas

A Tale of Two Torpedoes: The Pursuit and Sinking of the Battleship Bismarck In-Person

Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration required

Eric Rivet, chief curator of the Western Reserve Historical Society, will describe the nine-day chase and destruction of the German battleship Bismarck, one of the deadliest ships afloat at the beginning of World War II.



St. Patrick's Day Events



Celtic Harp Music with Tiffany Schaefer

Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Harpist Tiffany Schaefer from the Cleveland Celtic Ensemble will perform Celtic harp music with Tavia Hach Delaney. Wear something green and celebrate St Patrick's Day at the Library.



All Ages Irish Dance Lesson

Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Registration required

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by learning a beginner Irish jig. No experience necessary; it's just for fun. Wear comfortable shoes (or dance in your socks) and be ready to move.



Documentary Discovery

Thursday, March 27, April 24, and May 22
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Learn with others by viewing a documentary each month. Topics could include nature, history, the arts, entertainment, sports, and more. The film will start at 5:30 and end before 7:30. For title, call the Library the day of the program or just come for the surprise.



ADULT PROGRAMS CONTD.

Book to Movie Viewing & Discussion Series

Read the book at home. Watch the movie at the Library.
(You don't have to read the book to come watch the movie.)

Wednesday, March 19 at 5 p.m. - *The Secret Life of Bees*

Wednesday, April 16 at 5 p.m. - *A Long Way Home/Lion*

Wednesday, May 21 at 5 p.m. - *The Devil Wears Prada*



National Library Week 2025: Drawn to the Library.

National Library Week (April 6-12) is a celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities.

Enter a drawing and win a fun giveaway!

More details will be announced on social media closer to the week.

SPRING VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

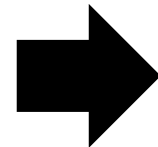
*Live viewings will be shown at the Library in the AV area when occurring during opening hours**

March: Wednesday, March 12 at 2 p.m. | Dan Heath
Thursday, March 20 at 2 p.m. | Clara Bingham
Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. | Jennifer Weiner

April: Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. | Jodi Picoult
Tuesday, April 8 at 2 p.m. | Matthew Fleming, Smithsonian Gardens
Greenhouse Horticulturalist
Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. | Gregg Hurwitz

May: Wednesday, May 7 at 2 p.m. | Dr. David Rosmarin
Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. | Liann Zhang
Final Virtual Author Talk To Be Determined

Find registration and archived author talk recordings by scanning this QR code.



ART IN THE GALLERY

March: Huron Preschool Artists
April: Huron High School Artists
May: Firelands Montessori Artists



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Saturday, March 22 | Dr. Allia Carter, Dean of BGSU Firelands

Saturday, May 10 | Rotary Club of Huron from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Enjoy coffee with representatives from local organizations where anyone can ask questions or have a conversation.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Letter from the Director of the Friends of HPL:

With the help of over 30 amazing volunteers, we kicked off December by selling thousands of books, audiobooks, DVDs, and children's items at our 2024 book sale. A huge thank you to everyone who helped set up, organize, run the sale, and pack up afterward, and to all the generous shoppers who came out from Thursday through Sunday. This was one of our best sales ever. With the funds from the sale plus a generous grant from the Mylander Foundation and the Wightman-Weiber Charitable Foundation, we were able to purchase two new AWE computers for the youth department.

To gear up for our 2025 Book Sale, we're running a Spring Book Drive from late March through April. If you have new or gently used books looking for a new home, we'd love to add them to our collection of book sale items.

Join us for our Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on March 25 at 6 p.m. We'll review our 2024 financial results, highlight key spending and income updates, and elect board officers for the 2025-2026 term. A short board meeting will follow.

As we continue to grow, we're looking for volunteers to help with exciting projects beyond board roles. Whether you have a little time or a lot, we'd love help with writing grant applications to support the library's strategic plan, updating bookkeeping to a new electronic system, managing business sponsorship sales, sorting book donations for the next Book Sale, researching new library initiatives, managing the Friends' social media accounts, and more.

Interested in volunteering? Reach out to Chip Houghton at (937) 657-1900

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Vision: Inspiring Generations with Books and More

Values: Empowerment, Intellectual Freedom, Equality, Literacy, & Lifelong Learning