



Ask a librarian for assistance reserving a copy of the book. Join a book club at any time. No registration required.

No Shelf Control | First Mondays | 11 AM

For readers who love Monday mornings, can't get enough books, and have eclectic reading habits.

JUN 1: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

JUL 6: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

AUG 3: *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

Just a Taste | First Thursdays | 7 PM

Explore different genres every month.

JUN 4: *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison (Classic, Literary Fiction)

JUL 2: *Shutter* by Ramona Emerson (Mystery)

AUG 6: *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver (Historical Fiction)

Thursday Morning | Second Thursdays | 11 AM

For popular fiction lovers.

JUN 11: *Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray

JUL 9: *Murder by Cheesecake* by Rachel Ekstrom Courage

AUG 13: *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick

Read the Classics | Third Tuesdays | 7 PM

Discuss classical and award-winning literature.

JUN 16: *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

JUL 21: *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis

AUG 18: *The Seven Story Mountain* by Thomas Merton

Novel Brews | Third Thursdays | 2 PM

Enjoy coffee and gather some book recommendations. Chat about what you're reading, pick out an Advanced Readers' Copy, or simply settle in with a good read among other book lovers.

Fiction to Film | Fourth Mondays | 7 PM

Explore books that led to or were adapted for movies.

JUN 22: *People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry

JUL 27: *Interview with the Vampire* by Ann Rice

AUG 24: *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman

Adult Program Guide Summer 2026

Summer Read: Unearth a Story

JUN 1 - JUL 31

All Ages

This year's summer read theme, Unearth a Story, celebrates the joy of discovery that reading brings. Join the challenge, collect prizes, and enter to win grand prize drawings!



Head to any Information Desk to pick up a Reading Record starting June 1.

Special Programs

Ohio's Cryptids*

WED | JUN 3 | 7 PM



Author J.C. Raphael shares the legends of 13 of Ohio's most mysterious creatures—from Big Hoot to the Loveland Frogs and the Defiance Wolfman.

Family Writing Group

**MON | 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/27,
8/10, 8/24 | 10 AM**

Connect with this affirming memoir writing group to share your family stories, read your work aloud, and listen to others.



Unearth a Story: Returning to the Earth

WED | JUL 15 | 11 AM

Discover Foxfield Preserve in Wilnot with Cemetery Manager Barbara Yoder, and learn how natural burial, land stewardship, and environmental restoration come together to honor personal legacy.

Unearth Your Family Story in 5 Objects*

TUE | JUN 23 | 7 PM

Present your items during a 10 minute slot, digging into the memories and meanings behind them.



Programs

Mahjong Club

TUE | JUN 2 - AUG 25 | 5 PM

Play mahjong with other enthusiasts. Open-play/beginners welcome. Sets provided, or bring your own.



Board Game Club

SUN | 6/7, 7/5, 8/2 | 1:30 PM

Drop in to play board games with other enthusiasts. All ages welcome, 16 and under with an adult.



Yoga with Emilee Payne*

MON | JUN 8 | 7 PM

An introduction to gentle, trauma-informed yoga and mindfulness practices designed to support emotional regulation, self-awareness, and embodied resilience.



Thomas-Anderson Garden Tour

WED | JUN 10 | 7 PM

Meet at the garden located in the Historic South End of Kent at 1110 Walnut St. for a tour of this beautiful community garden. Learn about pollinators and paint a rock to leave behind.



Dungeons & Dragons Meet-Up*

WED | 6/24, 7/22, 8/26 | 6 PM

Experience epic adventures led by an experienced Dungeon Master. New and seasoned players welcome.



Kent Bog Walking Tour*

MON | JUL 6 | 6:30 PM

Explore Cooperrider-Kent Bog State Nature Preserve with naturalist Judy Semroc on a one-hour walking tour.



Cake Pop Workshop with Daisy Pops*

WED | JUL 8 | 7 PM

Owner of Daisy Pops Amy Mucha shows you how to make your own cake pops.



Tai Chi with Marcum's Martial Arts Academy*

MON | JUL 13 | 7 PM

Join a beginner's Tai Chi session with gentle exercises to connect the mind and body.



Taskmaster

WED | JUL 29 | 7 PM

Complete absurd tasks within a limited amount of time to earn points and climb the leaderboard.



Meditative Sound Bath*

MON | AUG 10 | 7 PM

Certified Reiki practitioner Nic Sukalac introduces the practice of sound bathing.



Plant Swap Social

WED | AUG 12 | 7 PM

Bring cuttings or whole plants to swap with other plant lovers.

Craft Programs

The Great Art Mashup*

THU | 6/4, 7/9, 8/13 | 7 PM

Starting with a creative prompt and a hodgepodge of art supplies, create a masterpiece or a magnificent disaster.



Mocktails & Masterpieces*

THU | 6/11, 7/9, 8/13 | 6:30 PM

Follow along to paint your own masterpiece while sipping a refreshing mocktail.

JUN: Hot air balloon painting with Ashley Paulsen

JUL & AUG: Transautomatism with Hundertwasser Flowers

Slow Stitch Social

THU | 6/18, 7/16, 7/30, 8/20 | 7 PM

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other craft, or enjoy coloring with provided supplies while relaxing with music and conversation.



Make & Take Crafts*

THU | 6/25, 7/23, 8/27 | 7 PM

Make a unique craft to decorate your home or office.



JUN: Dinosaur Egg

JUL & AUG: Rolled beeswax candle

All Ages Concerts



The Concert Series is generously supported by Friends of Kent Free Library.

The New Pilgrims with Special Guests Lisa & Heather Malyuk

SUN | JUN 7 | 2 PM

Irish and old-time Appalachian folk tunes played on fiddle, guitar, harmonica, cello, and banjo uke.

By Light We Loom

SUN | JUL 12 | 2 PM

A signature blend of vintage synths and "story-folk" songwriting supported by a driving rhythm section.

Kent Blues Fest: Dave Terry

SAT | JUL 18 | 2 PM

Greatest Classic Rock and Blues from the '50s, '60s and '70s, including The Beatles, Clapton, Eagles, Springsteen, Stones, Petty, Cash, SRV and more.

Peter Fletcher

SUN | AUG 2 | 2 PM

A classical guitar performance interpreting emotionally charged music from the Renaissance Period through the 20th Century.