

# All Ages Concerts

The Concert Series is generously supported by Friends of Kent Free Library. Concerts are held on the Second Floor Balcony.

## Porch Folk with Lea Marra

SUN | JAN 4 | 2 PM

Enjoy a unique style of "Porch Folk" inspired by acts like Sierra Ferrell, Dolly Parton, and Shania Twain, with lyrics inspired by nature, life experiences, and relationships. Join us as we welcome this talented singer-songwriter to our Library.

## Mo' Mojo Mini Mardi Gras Trio

SUN | FEB 15 | 2 PM

As one of Northeast Ohio's longest running bands, Mo' Mojo has toured the country playing their style of "Pardi-Gras" music. Join us as we bring this special "Mini Mardi Gras Trio" version of the band here for this performance.

## Art Gallery & Display Cases

Do you have a collection or artwork you'd like to share with the community? We partner with local organizations, artists, and community members to showcase unique displays in our Library. Our display cases and gallery are designed to highlight exhibits that inform, inspire, and spark curiosity for visitors of all ages.

### Types of Art/Collections We Display

- Artwork
- Photographs
- Handmade crafts
- Collections of objects
- Historical or cultural items
- Nature or science specimens
- Community projects
- Memorabilia or keepsakes
- Illustrations or designs
- Unique decorative items or antiques



Learn more and apply at [kentfreelibrary.org](http://kentfreelibrary.org). Our Program Committee reviews applications and schedules exhibits throughout the year.

# Adult Program Guide Winter 2026

## Winter Read 2026

January 2 - February 28

All Ages

Join Smitten with Reading, our 2026 Winter Read by picking up a reading log at any of our Public Service Desks.



Participation is easy. For each day you read or listen to books, color a mitten on your reading log. You'll earn a raffle ticket for every sixth day of completed reading. Each raffle ticket is a chance to win one of our exciting grand prizes!

## Featured Programs

### Kent Snow Day: Puzzle Swap

SAT | JAN 24 | 10 AM - 5 PM

Enjoy a hot chocolate station, puzzle exchange, and community puzzle table. Leave a puzzle, take one, or join others in completing a puzzle at the library.



### Film Screening: The Librarians\*

TUE | FEB 10 | 7 PM

Watch a screening of The Librarians (2025), a documentary exploring the experiences of Texas librarians who faced challenges and stood up for the freedom to read.



### Portage DD Limitless Art Show: Open Art Night\*

MON | FEB 16 | 5 & 7 PM

Create a work of art for Portage Board of Developmental Disabilities' Limitless Art Show. All supplies will be provided. Art Night is open to artists of all ages and abilities. Those not participating in the Limitless Art Show can take their canvas home. All other canvases will be displayed throughout the county in April, including here at Kent Free Library.



\*Register online, in person, or by phone.  
All programs are subject to change.

# Book Clubs

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.

**JAN 5:** *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

**FEB 2:** *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

## Thursday Morning | Second Thursdays | 11 AM

For popular fiction lovers.

**JAN 8:** *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

**FEB 12:** *Happy Land* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

## Kent Silent Book Club | Third Thursdays | 2 PM

### JAN 15 & FEB 19 | Meets at The Cleveland Bagel Café

Bring your own book and read in silence. After 45 minutes of quiet reading, stay and socialize or be on your way. Registration is requested, but drop ins are welcome.

## Just a Taste | First Thursdays | 7 PM

Explore different genres every month.

**JAN 15 (Special Date):** *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*ck* by Mark Manson (Self Help)

**FEB 5:** *Heartbreak* by Chelsea Bieker (Short Stories)

## Read the Classics | Third Tuesdays | 7 PM

Discuss classical and award-winning literature.

**JAN 20:** *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner

**FEB 17:** *The Ambassadors* by Henry James

## Fiction to Film | Fourth Mondays | 7 PM

Explore books that led to or were adapted for movies.

**JAN 26:** *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

**FEB 23:** *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

# Monthly Programs

## Board Game Club

**First Sundays | JAN 4 & FEB 1 | 1:30 - 4:30 PM**

Drop in to play board games with other enthusiasts. Bring a friend or make a few new ones. All ages welcome, 16 and under with an adult.



## Cinematic Crafters

**First Wednesdays | JAN 7 & FEB 4 | 6:30 PM**

Bring your current craft project to work on while watching a seasonal movie and chatting with fellow crafters.



## MindBody/Wellness\*

**Second Mondays | 7 PM**

Experience different ways to improve your physical and mental health.



**JAN 12:** Inclusive Yoga with Yoga Judith

**FEB 9:** Explore Library of Things equipment with Sequoia Wellness

## Home Economics 101\*

**Second Wednesdays | 7 PM**

Discover ways to enhance your home and garden.



**JAN 14:** Avoid identity theft

**FEB 11:** Seed Library packaging party

## Mocktails & Masterpieces\*

**Second Thursdays | 6:30 PM**



Follow along to paint your own masterpiece. If the same project is offered twice; please register for only one session.

**JAN 8 & FEB 12:** Jazzy Neo-Plasticism painting

## Creative Crafters\*

**Fourth Wednesdays | 7 PM**

Make a craft to decorate your home or office. If the same project is offered twice; please register for only one session.



**JAN 28 & FEB 24:** Mini Zen Garden