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Hello, Friends,

Many of us are thinking about the upcoming holiday and wondering how best to observe it. After all, Thanksgiving, perhaps more than any other holiday, is all about gathering together. As you explore

your options, please remember that we are here for you. If you need help figuring out the technology for a virtual gettogether, give us a call and we will help you out! Or if you would just like to see a familiar face once in a while and enjoy some in-person human interaction, we are here six days a week.

Thanksgiving may have taken on new meaning for you this year. It certainly has for us. We no longer take for granted the ability to open our doors to welcome hundreds of you each day, to make our meeting spaces available to large groups, or to host our traditional special events for the whole family. Those are all things we look forward to again, and we are confident that day will come! In the meantime, we are very grateful to be able to provide essential library services and be here to offer a smile and a kind word to you, our friends and neighbors.

We are taking extra measures to make sure it is safe for you here in our building. So, put on your face mask, and come on in. We'll be thankful together!

# **Election Day Closure**

#### **Exercise your right to vote**

Way Library will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Voting is an integral part of your rights and one of your primary privileges as a U.S. citizen. It's also a civic responsibility, so don't forget to go out and do your part.



# **Holiday Schedule**

# **Turkey Time**

Way Library will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 25 and will remain closed through Thursday, November 26.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



# **Meeting Rooms Now Available**

We are pleased to announce that we are reopening the lower level to allow the use of some of our Meeting Rooms.



Beginning Wednesday, November 4,
Meeting Rooms A, B, and C will be available for groups of **up to four people**.

We have made some adjustments to our rules regarding use of the Meeting Rooms. Masks must be properly worn inside the meeting rooms at all times in compliance with the library's policy. Food is not allowed in the meeting rooms. Drinks are allowed, but masks must still be prioritized during room use. All rooms are provided with cleaning supplies along with a list of high-touch surfaces to be cleaned. Patrons are responsible for cleaning the rooms before and after use. Rooms can be reserved for a maximum of 2 hours per day. Read more <a href="here">here</a>.

Reservations should be made online. If you have questions about the use of the meeting rooms, please contact our Meeting Room Coordinator, Rachel Henck Bentley, at 419-874-3135 ext 106.

Reserve a room.

#### **Staff Service Milestones**

# Congratulations!

Four Way Library staff members are celebrating service milestones in 2020. Please read what Director Janel Haas has to say about these valuable members of Way's team.

**Tom Apel** has served the Library for the past thirty years as Maintenance Supervisor. He came on board when we were in our



previous building, and for years kept the library and grounds immaculate with only the help of a part time staffer. He was on site regularly during the construction of the new addition and has firsthand knowledge of how the building was built and what is behind the walls and in the ceiling. The value of this kind of information cannot be overstated. As the building and our services grew, so did the need for help. Now Tom manages the maintenance of the building and grounds, and it still looks pristine.

Tom has the gift of making whatever he touches look brand new. An accomplished woodworker, he is responsible for many beautiful pieces of handmade furniture in the building. Thank you, Tom, for all your hard work and dedication to this building, our staff, and our patrons for these past three decades.

**Richard Baranowski** is our resident author and Local Historian. Richard came to the Library twenty years ago after serving as a middle school librarian and then as the librarian for Toledo Hospital. He has written nearly a dozen articles for professional journals and has authored two books about our local history. Richard, in tandem with a colleague, is responsible for initiating *Front Porch*, the oral history series here at Way.

Born and raised in Perrysburg, he is affectionately known as "Richie" by some of our other lifelong residents. Richard does a fantastic job of cataloguing our history and making sure there is a permanent record for posterity.

Richard is also a caring reference librarian who has helped countless people with their resumes and job searches. People have come back to let us know of the success they have had because Richard so patiently helped them navigate the internet. Thank you, Richard, for your twenty years of exceptional service.

When you walk into the building and see beautiful things, it is because of **Rose Mills**. She is our Graphics and Visual Design Specialist. When you see a flyer for a program, and you just have to come, one of the reasons is because Rose has made it so enticing that you just can't resist it! Rose has a gift for all things beautiful, whether it is the art in her flyers, or the touches of art or design that make the building warmer and more welcoming.

Hospitality is another of her gifts. She welcomes patrons

with special coffee, tea, and cookie days, as well as organizing wonderful gatherings for the staff. Rose has served the Library for fifteen years. On the path to her current position she served as a page, a clerk, and our book sale expert. Thank you, Rose, for everything you do to make Way a more pleasant place for patrons and staff alike.

Adam Marier has served Way Library for five years. Filling in first as a Maintenance Assistant, he quickly moved into a position as Technology Specialist/Librarian. A natural teacher, Adam has spent countless hours with patrons helping them master their personal technology devices through our One-on-One Technology Assistance Program. Although this program is on temporary hiatus due to the pandemic, he continues to help individuals via phone whenever possible.

Adam is also our resident Master of Ceremonies. When we need someone to take the microphone, Adam is always our first choice. Why? Because he is completely comfortable on stage and is really funny, too! This isn't surprising, as he was a standup comedian in Chicago not so long ago. One more fast fact about Adam--he reigns as the current BattleDecks champion in the Library world. (He still has his crown and will wear it proudly!) Thank you, Adam, for your patience, your teaching ability, and your enviable stage presence.

Pictured clockwise from top left: Tom Apel, Richard Baranowski, Adam Marier, Rose Mills

# **Baker's Way**

# A pan for all seasons

We are all familiar with awareness ribbons--also known as cause ribbons--as universal symbols to raise awareness for a variety of issues. Awareness ribbon history evolved as yellow ribbons took on the meaning of "supporting our troops," red ribbons symbolized the AIDS movement, and pink ribbons represented breast cancer awareness.



Since then, many different ribbon colors have emerged to represent causes including, among others, additional types of cancer and substance abuse.

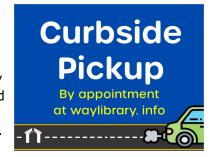
Do you have a reason to celebrate a survivor, veteran, or other cause? Way Library has a ribbon cake pan that you can use to make a customized cake to show your support. What a sweet way to celebrate a clean scan, a remission diagnosis, or to welcome fighting forces home!

See what's in the Baker's Way collection.

# **Curbside Pickup Service**

# By appointment

Way Library offers Curbside Pickup service for those who would like contactless delivery of library materials. Books and other physical items may be checked out using the service.



There are three easy ways to request materials and schedule your curbside pickup appointment. Get all the details on our **website**.

#### **Connect with us on Facebook**

#### Let's be friends!

Become a part of our active and growing social community. We post breaking library news, important announcements, and service updates on our page.



We also share photos, host book discussion groups and other events, and feature fun, engaging content.

# Join us now!

# **Events and Activities for Adults**

#### **Calendar of Events**

Our <u>Calendar of Events</u> is where you'll find a searchable, chronological list of all of our upcoming events. It includes all of the important event details you need, plus an easy registration button. Check it out to see what's on our schedule!

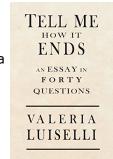


All Events
Adults
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Teens

#### **Book Discussion**

#### Tell Me How It Ends

Join Dr. Valeria Grinberg Pla for a discussion of *Tell Me How It Ends* by Valeria Luiselli. The discussion will take place via Zoom on Monday, November 9 at 6pm. Copies of the book are available on the Overdrive and Hoopla platforms accessible **online**.



Dr. Valeria Grinberg Pla is a literary, cultural, and film critic from Buenos Aires, Argentina. She has been a professor of Spanish, Latin American literature, and cultural studies at Bowling Green State University since 2006.

Registration is required and closes 12 hours before the start of the program. Please register **here** or by calling 419-874-3135 ext 119.

# **History Circle**

#### A League of Their Own

Way Library's discussion series, the *History Circle*, continues on Wednesday,



November 11 at 7pm. The group will meet virtually via Zoom for a group discussion on the hit 1992 film, *A League of Their Own*. The movie tells the story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in the 1940s. Copies of the DVD are available for checkout at Way.

Dr. Chelsea Griffis, Lecturer in History at the University of Toledo, will lead the discussion.

Registration is required and closes 12 hours before the start of the program. **Register online** or by calling 419-874-3135 ext 119.

# **Topical Tuesdays**

# Unpacking the 2020 Presidential Election: How People Voted and Why

Way Library and the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area welcome Dr. David J. Jackson on Tuesday, November 17 at 7pm for a presentation on the 2020 presidential election. The presentation will be via Zoom.



David J. Jackson is professor of political science at Bowling Green State University. His research interests include U.S. political behavior and the interactive relationship between politics and culture, with a current focus on the Polish American community. He is the author of *Entertainment and Politics: The Influence of Pop Culture on Young Adult Political Socialization*, a second and revised edition of which was published in 2009.

Registration is required and closes 12 hours before the beginning of the program. **Register online** or by calling 419-874-3135 ext 119.

# **Teen Idols Through the Ages**

Way Library will host Jackie Clary, archival researcher, for a virtual discussion of teen idols through the ages.



The fun-filled discussion will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm.

Learn about the dreamiest teen idols of the '50s, '60s, and '80s and watch some archival television footage. Ms. Clary is an expert in popular music history, especially rock and pop across decades and was an Assistant Curator at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and a Production Associate for MTV News and Docs at MTV.

Registration is required and closes 12 hours before the beginning of the program. **Register online** or by calling 419-874-3135 ext 119.

# **Managing Stress and Anxiety**

# Thursday, November 19 at 2pm

Mercy Health and Way Library are pleased to present a virtual webinar on Managing Stress and Anxiety.

Stress and anxiety are common struggles that affect almost everyone at one point or another. They can, however, become overwhelming and hard to manage. Join OraLee Macklenar, LISW, for this virtual



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webinar and learn how to identify your triggers and develop a plan to combat them, so that you can better enjoy your day-to-day interactions.

Register here or by calling 419-874-3135 ext 119.

#### **Romance Book Club**

#### Kiss and Cry

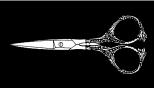
The Romance Book Club continues with a virtual discussion of *Kiss and Cry* on Saturday, November 21 from 1-2:30pm.

The discussion will take place via Zoom, and registration is required. **Register online** or by calling 419-874-3135 ext 119.

# **Coil's Creativity**

# **New craft coming in November!**

Stephanie Coil, Programming Specialist, will soon debut her November take-home craft, "Simple



Sentiment." It will be a perfect addition to your seasonal decor!

Keep an eye on our <u>Facebook</u> page. That's where we'll make the announcement when Stephanie's kit becomes available. Kits may be picked up in the library or <u>by</u> <u>appointment</u> via curbside delivery while supplies last.

Though take-home kits are first come, first served, you can still make your own crafts by following the detailed instructions on our website. See Stephanie's archived crafts in **Coil's Creativity**.

# **Events and Activities for Youth**

# **Story Time News**

# **Virtual Story Times**

Gather around! New Toddler Time, Mother Goose, and Preschool story times are offered for our youngest patrons every week. Catch Miss Melissa, Miss Alisha, Miss Alyssa, and Miss Crystal as they bring fun stories, singalongs, finger plays, and crafts to you via our YouTube channel.



New this fall! Get a craft to go along with each Preschool Story Time session. Pick up the take-home craft kit at the Youth Services Desk or make a <u>curbside appointment</u> for contactless delivery.

An announcement will be posted on our <u>Facebook</u> page every time a new story is released.

You can always view new and archived story times on our **YouTube channel.** 

#### **Bookaneers Book Club**

#### Ages 8-12

The Bookaneers Book Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, November 5 from 4:15-5:15pm to discuss *Bunnicula* by Deborah Howe and James Howe.

# Register online.

Contact Alisha Nolin with any questions at alisha.nolin@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135 ext 107.

#### **Homeschoolers' Book Clubs**

#### Join in on Zoom

Homeschool book clubs are meeting via Zoom this fall.



Book Talk (Ages 8-12) Monday, November 16 1:30-2:30pm The Language of Spells by Garret Weyr Register online.

Page Turners (Ages 12-16)
Monday, November 2
1:30-2:30pm
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Register online.

Unless stated otherwise, Miss Alyssa will select books that can be borrowed digitally with the Hoopla app on a phone, tablet, or computer.

If you have questions about homeschoolers' programs at Way, please contact Miss Alyssa at alyssa.bullock@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135 ext 127.

#### **Virtual Trivia Match for Teens**

Teens from ages 12-16 can gather online via Zoom to answer trivia questions about Harry Potter books 1-4, all for



a chance to win a Harry Potter themed Pop Funko!

Registration is required and a Zoom link will be emailed either the day before or the day of the program.

Sessions A and B are identical. Please sign up for one session only.

**Session A:** Wednesday, November 18 from 4:15-5:15pm Register online for Session A.

**Session B:** Friday, November 27 from 4:15-5:15pm **Register online for Session B.** 

#### Pizza and Pages

# Teen Book Club for ages 12-16

Pizza and Pages will meet online on Thursday, November 19 from 4:15-5:15pm.

This month we will discuss *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer.

#### Register online.

For more information, please contact Crystal McNeal, Teen Librarian, at crystal.mcneal@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135 ext 113.



# New Books Hot Off the Press

#### **Youth Books**

Place your holds for these new or recent books for kids and young adults recommended by our Youth Services staff!

#### **Ages 3-6**

# **Jabari Tries**

Gaia Cornwall

## Me & Mama

Cozbi A. Cabrera

#### Ages 8-12

#### **Orientation (Avengers Assembly #1)**

Preeti Chhibber

#### **Geronimo Stilton: Superstore Surprise**

**Emily Clement** 

# **Beetle & the Hollowbones**

Aliza Layne

#### Daring Darleen, Queen of the Screen

Anne Nesbet

#### **The Usual Suspects**

Maurice Broaddus

# **Young Adult**

#### Legendborn

Tracy Deonn

# **Vampires Never Get Old: Tales With Fresh Bite**

Zoraida Cordova, Natalie C. Parker, Samira Ahmed, and others

# **Kingdom of the Wicked**

Kerri Maniscalco

#### **Fable**



Adrienne Young

# **New Holiday Fiction in November**

Add a little holiday magic to your reading list with these books recommended by Moe Ibarra. Click on a title to request a hold. Some titles may not be available for holds until later in the month.



#### **Christmas Cupcake Murder**

Joanne Fluke

#### **The Brightest Star**

Fern Michaels

#### **Happily This Christmas**

Susan Mallery

#### **Silent Bite**

David Rosenfelt

# Jingle All the Way

Debbie Macomber

#### **The Noel Letters**

Richard Paul Evans

#### **A Christmas Resolution**

Anne Perry

#### **New Fiction in November**

# **Moe's Bookmark**

Moe Ibarra of our Circulation Department is an avid reader, especially of contemporary authors. She is always ready to help you with a book recommendation. Here are some brand new titles she thinks you may like!



Click a title to perform a search for these items in our catalog. *Please note that some books may not be available for holds until closer to their release dates.* 

# **Daylight**

David Baldacci November 17, 2020

# **Piece of My Heart**

Mary Higgins Clark with Alafair Burke November 17, 2020

#### **All That Glitters**

Danielle Steel November 17, 2020

# Hot to Trot: an Agatha Raisin Mystery

M.C. Beaton November 17, 2020

# **Tom Clancy Shadow of the Dragon**

Marc Cameron November 17, 2020

## **Deadly Cross**

James Patterson November 23, 2020

# **How to Raise an Elephant**

Alexander McCall Smith November 24, 2020

# **New Inspirational Fiction in November**

Here are some new inspirational fiction titles selected for you by Moe Ibarra. Click on a title to request a hold. Some titles may not be available for holds until later in the month.



#### The Blended Quilt

Wanda E. Brunstetter and Jean Brunstetter

#### To Steal a Heart

Jen Turano

#### **The Promised Land**

Elizabeth Musser

#### The Right Kind of Fool

Sarah Loudin Thomas

## **Burden of Proof**

Davis Bunn

#### **Things We Didn't Say**

Amy Lynn Green

# **Soul Raging (The Book of the Wars)**

Ronie Kendig

### **The Museum of Forgotten Memories**

**Anstey Harris** 

# **COVID-19 Safety Measures**

#### Safety measures implemented

Policies and procedures to keep you safe

The safety of our community and our staff has been number one priority as we have reopened the building. Careful planning and much work has gone into creating an environment which meets the stringent safety standards outlined by the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC.

Some very significant changes will be apparent as soon as you enter the building. Please read the following important information so that you will be prepared for the new policies and procedures in place during this phase.

- 1. If you feel sick or are exhibiting symptoms, please stay at home until you have fully recovered.
- 2. Appropriate face coverings must be worn correctly by all staff and all patrons age 3 and older at all times inside the library. For everyone's safety and in accordance with recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC, a face covering requirement has been added to the Library's Rules of Conduct. The complete Rules of Conduct may be found on display in the library and on our website.

According to the CDC, an appropriate face covering should fit snugly against the side of the face, **covering nose and mouth with no gaps**, and be secured with ties or ear loops.

For those unable to or unwilling to wear a face covering or to wear one correctly, reasonable accommodations will include delivery of CORE library services (checkout of materials and reference service) via digital services and curbside pickup.

- **3. Please practice social distancing of at least 6-feet apart from others at all times.** Visual reminders are in place to help you. The children's play area is not available, and some furniture has been removed to reduce congestion. Plexi-glass shields have been installed at service desks, computers, and the self-checkout station.
- **4.** Occupancy of the building is limited to 60 guests at a time. This rule is in effect to facilitate social distancing.
- **5.** Wash or sanitize your hands often, and refrain from touching your face. Hand sanitizer stations are locatedthroughout the main level.
- 6. If you are returning items to the library, please deposit them in one of the exterior book drops, the exterior audiovisual slot, or in the new, special book drops located in the vestibule. The

book drops at the Circulation Desk are not in use until further notice. Please do not hand your returning items to library staff or place them on the Circulation Desk. There is a designated table in the Circulation Lobby for the return of Beyond Books items, cake pans, and puzzles.

We want to remind you that when you return library items, there will be a delay before you see them removed from your account. All returned library materials are currently placed under a quarantine period of at least seven days. It could be up to 10 days in some cases before items show as returned on your account. This will not affect your ability to check out more items, nor will it result in fines.

7. When browsing, unwanted items that have been handled must be placed on one of several conveniently located "re-shelving" carts. Items will be collected by staff and sanitized or placed into quarantine for the recommended interval before returning them to circulation.

Though we can't eliminate all risk, we have carefully followed recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC to put rigorous safety protocols into place. This includes frequently scheduled cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch surfaces, quarantining of all returned library materials for at least seven days before check-in and return to the shelves, contactless checkout options, and extra training for staff members.

# Other temporary changes to expect

1. A limited number of public computers are available and will be sanitized regularly.

Staff members will be able to assist with logging in to computers, however, assistance with specific tasks or websites will not be available due to



social distancing measures. Computer usage is limited to an initial 90 minutes per individual per day. An extension of up to 90 minutes of additional time may be available if no one is waiting for a computer.

Free wifi remains available throughout the building and in an area covering a large portion of the parking lot.

- 2. Statewide delivery service for items requested from other libraries has resumed, but delays may be possible, as some participating libraries are operating on reduced schedules.
- 3. The Quiet Study Room is closed to the public while it is being used to quarantine returned library materials.
- **4.** All library programming will continue to be virtual rather than in-person for the time being. Some of our meeting rooms are now available by reservation but with a strict maximum of four people. Community members are encouraged to sign up to reserve a free virtual Zoom

<u>meeting room</u> on the library's website. Way Library's Zoom Rooms can accommodate up to 100 participants for up to two hours.

- 5. We are currently unable to accept any donations of books, DVDs, CDs, or other physical materials. Please do not bring in books to donate, and please do not place them in the book drops. An announcement will be made by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends when physical donations can once again be accepted.
- **6.** Challenges and uncertainties related to the Coronavirus persist. As circumstances change we will adapt our policies and procedures accordingly. For the most up-to-date information, keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page.

# Not quite ready to come into the library?

# We can still help you!

If you don't feel comfortable about coming to the library just yet, we understand, and we can still help you!

You can contact us by phone at 419-874-3135 to get any answers you need. You can use our **Curbside Pickup** service to check out fresh reading materials. You may use our **Ask-A-Librarian** feature on our website 24/7. And you are also welcome to call 419-874-3135, x354 for a technology help consultation with one of our tech experts.

Just let us know how we may be of assistance.