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News from Way



Everyone should have a library card!

Don't you agree? And this year, it's more important than ever to have such a powerful and precious tool in your possession. No matter your quest, a library card is your key to a vast world of useful information.

During September, Way Library joins libraries across America to celebrate **Library Card Sign-up Month**. Our motto for this year's campaign is "*One Card to Read Them All.*" Drawing on the Middle Earth theme of Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* books, we are inviting people of all ages to embark on their own reading adventures with a "precious" library card.

Getting a library card is free of charge for everyone in Ohio, and involves no unexpected journeys or hiring of burglars like Bilbo Baggins. It's incredibly easy, in fact. A library card is yours for the asking, either in person at our Circulation Desk or online.

On **Tuesday, September 22**, we will celebrate **Hobbit Day**, the birthday of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins. Visit the library dressed as a Hobbit or other *Lord of the Rings* character and receive a complimentary "Second Breakfast"

- 7 Information Desk
- 2 Circulation/Renewals
- 6 Youth/Teen Services
- 354 Technology

(while supplies last). A *Lord of the Rings* themed take-home craft kit will be available inside the library or via curbside delivery. (Oh, and don't be surprised if you see various Hobbits, dwarves, elves, and even the dragon Smaug wandering around on our main level!) Also, throughout September, the customary \$1 replacement charge for a lost library card will be waived.

This is a good time to make sure that all your family, friends, and neighbors have the smartest, most precious card of all. Having a Way library card is a great way to stay connected to reliable information, education, and entertainment, even when things aren't humming along "normally." Who couldn't use an all-access pass to essential free resources, plus millions of books, e-books, Beyond Books borrowables, databases, and countless other digital materials?

Whatever your quest--unlocking the secrets of knowledge, mastering a new skill, relishing an adventure, seeking merry entertainment, or just making the best of a pandemic--a library card is your "precious" helpmate.

We remain at your service.

Labor Day Closure

Take pride in a job well done!

The library will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day.



This federal holiday celebrates the contributions of all workers to the development and success of the USA. Have a safe and happy day!

Hours of operation

Temporary Hours

Including special hours reserved for at-risk groups

Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 11am-3pm Closed on Sunday



Please note that on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays the hours from 9am-10:30am are reserved strictly for those age 60 and over and anyone who is immunocompromised.

WPLFF Announces Book Donation Drop-off Service

A safe way to donate materials

Way Public Library Foundation & Friends will accept donations of gently used books on specific dates in September. The drive-thru/drop-



off service will allow a safe donation process for both staff and patrons.

Please note that book donations are not accepted inside the library or in the book drops at any time until further notice.

Simply drive up to the designated area in the library's parking lot during one of the times allocated, and volunteers will unload your books from your trunk.

Thursday, September 10 from 10am-12pm Wednesday, September 16 from 4:30pm-6:30pm Monday, September 21 from 4:30pm-6:30pm Saturday, September 26 from 10am-12pm

Additional donation dates will be added in October. Please remember, the following items cannot be accepted: encyclopedias, magazines, textbooks more than 10 years old, outdated law/medical textbooks, VHS or audio cassettes, or anything that is damaged, dirty, or odorous.

If you need more information about book donations, please contact Lisa Richard at lisa.richard@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135, x139.

Thank you for thinking of us!

Gently Used Books for Sale on Main Level

October Book Sale and Media Sale cancelled

The October Book Sale and the Media Sale, both sponsored by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends, have been cancelled. It takes dozens of volunteers to set-up, operate, and tear down these massive sales. Although the 2021 Book Sale dates



have not been established, the Foundation & Friends hope they will reoccur sooner rather than later.

In the meantime, WPLFF's **Specials** rack is back and located on the main floor at Way. These "like new" hot titles are available every day at unbeatable prices. New titles will be added regularly. All proceeds benefit Way Library.

The Foundation & Friends are also working on a modified book sale format that may allow book sale fans to shop in a safe way. Details will be announced on Way's website and Facebook when available.

New Online Resource

Mometrix Test Preparation



Perform better on your exam by implementing a few critical strategies and focusing your study time on what's most important. This online resource covers test preparation and practice tests for a broad range of topics including business, college admissions, graduate and professional school, K-12, public service, and more.

This new resource is currently available <u>here</u>. You will need your library card to access it from outside of the Way Public Library building.

Baker's Way

A pan for all seasons

Have you tried the Easy Layers Cake Pan? It is a set of five 6-inch round pans for making a multi-layer cake with just one cake mix.

Tint your batter with a variety of colors to create a customized cake. Try using school colors, the colors of the rainbow, or a sports team's colors for the



individual layers. Or instead of stacking layers, use the pans to make five separate mini-cakes. Use your imagination and decorate them as planets, sports balls, emojis, or whatever strikes your fancy. Most importantly, have fun and enjoy the fruits of your labor!

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

Returning Items to the Library

What you need to know about check-ins

All returning library materials should be placed in either the exterior book drops or the two book drops located in the outer vestibule before entering the lobby. Please do not hand materials to curbside pickup staff or Circulation Desk staff.

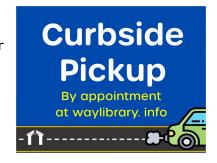
There is a special table available near the Circulation Desk for the return of *Beyond Books* items, puzzles, and cake pans.

Once you return an item, please remember that our safety protocol requires that it be placed in isolation for five or more days before it is checked in. **This means that returned items could possibly remain on your account for up to ten days.** You will not, however, incur any late fees, and you will still be able to check out additional materials.

Curbside Pickup Service

By appointment

Way Library continues to offer Curbside Pickup service for those who would like contactless delivery of library materials. Books and other 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**.

Zoom Rooms

Reserve a Virtual Meeting Room

Way is now offering Zoom Rooms for groups, organizations, and businesses to use free of charge.

The Zoom Meeting Rooms can accommodate a maximum of 100 people and can be reserved for up to two hours, Monday through Friday. Groups can reserve a Zoom Room for a maximum of two meetings per month.

Reserve a Zoom Room.

Please call Technology Specialist Rachel Henck Bentley at 419-874-3135, x106 with any questions.

Events and Activities for Adults

New Series: History Circle

Hamilton!

Way Library is pleased to announce a new discussion series, the *History Circle*, led by Dr. Chelsea Griffis, Lecturer in History at the University of Toledo.



The group will meet virtually via Zoom beginning with a discussion on the historical accuracy of the musical *Hamilton* on Wednesday, September 9 at 7pm.

Advance registration is required. Please register <u>here</u> or by calling 419-874-3135, x119. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants at least 24 hours before the discussion.

Online PuzzlePalooza

A virtual competition

Interest in assembling jigsaw puzzles saw a spike this spring and summer. Are you ready to put your skills to the test? Join us online for some friendly **PuzzlePalooza** competition

on Saturday, September 12 anytime between 9am and 10pm!

Participate as a team to complete a puzzle of your choice at one of three levels: 300-piece, 500-piece, or 1,000-piece. You will be responsible for timing yourselves. The team at each level with the fastest time will win a prize!

Please be sure to post a picture of your completed puzzle and your completion time on the Facebook event page.

Registration is required <u>here</u> or by calling 419-874-3135, x119. Once you've registered, the Facebook event link will be sent to you.

No puzzle? No problem--you can borrow one from the library!

Romance Book Club

Take a Hint, Dani Brown

Join Dr. Nicole Jackson for a discussion of *Take a Hint, Dani Brown* on Saturday, September 12 at 1pm. Author Talia Hibbert is scheduled to appear for a brief Q and A.

The discussion will take place on Zoom, and registration is required. Register <u>online</u> or by calling 419-874-3135, x119.



Military Talk

War in the Google Age: Conflict in an Increasingly Complex World

We are pleased to welcome Geoff Earnhart on Thursday, September 24 at 7pm for a Zoom presentation on America's modern military.



Will America maintain its military dominance in a hyperconnected, ever more globalized world? How might emerging technologies impact the nature of armed conflict? Has the definition and nature of war changed since the end of the Cold War? Former U.S. Army officer Geoff Earnhart examines the continuities and changes impacting modern warfare.

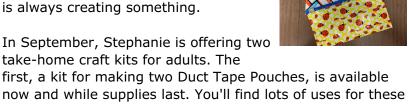
Geoff Earnhart served in various assignments as an officer in the U.S. Army including a tour as a military history instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. A Perrysburg native, Mr. Earnhart holds graduate degrees in education and military history.

Advance registration is required. The Zoom link will be delivered at least 24 hours before the discussion. Register **online** or by calling 419-874-3135, x119.

Crafts for grown-ups

Created by Stephanie

Stephanie Coil, Programming Specialist, is always creating something.



take-home craft kits for adults. The first, a kit for making two Duct Tape Pouches, is available now and while supplies last. You'll find lots of uses for these handy pouches. They're great for pencils, makeup, snacks, masks, stamps and address labels, and more!

In mid-September, pick up Stephanie's Hobbit-inspired craft. It goes along with our Library Card Sign-up Month theme "One Card to Read Them All." Watch our Facebook page for an announcement when this craft becomes available.

Kits may be picked up in the library or **by appointment** via curbside delivery while supplies last.

See Stephanie's archived crafts.

Knitting Project Extended

New deadline is September 30

Hello, knitters! Do you still have yarn?



If you know how to knit or crochet, you are invited to join us by creating 7" x 9" sections using one of the patterns provided online. Free patterns and information about the proper supplies are available at warmupamerica.org.

Your completed sections may be dropped off in the library any time between now and September 30. Please place them in a bag and leave them in the Circulation lobby on the table designated for Beyond Books returns.

Warm Up America! is a 501c3 nonprofit foundation which coordinates volunteer efforts and distributes afghans to individuals and families through community service organizations such as the American Red Cross. Agencies which have received donated afghans include women's shelters, nursing homes, children's hospitals, hospitals, hospices, daycare centers, veterans' homes, churches, AIDS facilities, homeless shelters, and more.

Thank you for helping us with this worthwhile project!

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 Youth

Story Time News

Virtual Story Times return

Gather around! New Toddler Time and Mother Goose story times will begin online the week of September 14. Preschool story time will resume online on Wednesday, September 9.



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 curbside appointment for contactless delivery.

An announcement will be posted on our Facebook page when new stories are released.

You can 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,
September 10 from 4:15-5:15pm to discuss *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.

Register <u>here</u>. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk.

Contact Alisha Nolin with any questions at alisha.nolin@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135, x107.

Homeschoolers' Book Clubs

Join in on Zoom

Homeschool book clubs will continue in the fall of 2020 via Zoom.

Page Turners (12-16) Monday, September 14 1:30-2:30pm *Jackaby* by William Ritter Register here.

Book Talk (8-12) Monday, September 21 1:30-2:30pm *Almost Super* by Marion Jensen Register here.

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, x127.

Lego League and S.T.E.A.M.

Do you like a challenge?

Keep a sharp eye! Lego League challenges will be returning to Facebook this month. Put your Lego skills to work and we will share them on our page!



S.T.E.A.M. activities will also be back in September. Watch for these engaging videos presented by our Youth Services staff. Did you miss one of our S.T.E.A.M. videos? Access them all on our **YouTube channel**.

Pizza and Pages

Teen Book Club

Pizza and Pages Teen Book Club will meet online on Tuesday, September 8 from 4:15-5:15pm.

This month the discussion will be all things book related. Join us to share bookish trivia, chat about what books you've been reading, and get recommendations for future books!

Register here.

For more information, please contact Crystal McNeal, Teen Librarian, at crystal.mcneal@waylibrary.info or 419-874-3135, x113.

Chalk Doodles

Custom art for you

Chalk Doodles are available through the end of September. When you order one, you'll get a special message designed and sent to you by a familiar face at Way Library!

Sign up **here** for your personalized chalk message.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Sponsored by Perrysburg Kiwanis Club

It's never too early to start your child on the path to literacy. Join Way's **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program and see what a positive



difference early reading can make in your child's learning experience.

Participation via curbside pickup is available for those who prefer it.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is made possible by Perrysburg Kiwanis Club.

Resources for Students

Have a better school year

Schools are in session, and whether in person or remotely, students are once again taking classes, doing homework, and learning.



Here are some of the helpful study and research resources available at Way.

Ohio Web Library

Online research resources--including Homework Helps such as Biography Reference Bank; Early World of Learning; Explora Secondary; Gale in Context: Elementary; Explora Primary Schools; Literary Reference Center; Science Reference Center; World Book Kids; World Book Students; World Book Timelines; online reference and encyclopedias including American and English full text literature collections; Oxford research encyclopedias; Very Short Introductions; World Book Online; magazines and journal articles on millions of topics; and Points of View Reference Center.

Mometrix Test Preparation

Learning Express Library

Global Road Warrior

Online Homeschool activities

Assignment Alert

Science Kits to check out

Larimer Classroom Collections #1 and #2

Educational items from the **Beyond Books and Beyond Books Junior** collections

Mobile Hotspots to check out

Free wifi

Public computers and printing services

New Books Hot Off the Press

New Fiction in September

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 new titles she has selected with your reading enjoyment in mind.



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

All the Devils are Here

Louise Penny September 1, 2020

Chaos

Iris Johansen September 1, 2020

Anxious People

Fredrik Backman September 8, 2020

Shadows in Death

J.D. Robb September 8, 2020

Total Power

Kyle Mills (Mitch Rapp series created by Vince Flynn) September 15, 2020

The Book of Two Ways

Jodi Picoult September 22, 2020

The Return

Nicholas Sparks September 29, 2020

New Inspirational Fiction in September

Here are some new inspirational fiction titles selected for you by Moe Ibarra. Click on a title to request a hold.



An Amish Singing: Four Stories

Amy Clipston

The Christmas Swap

Melody Carlson

An Ivy Hill Christmas

Julie Klassen

The Stone Wall

Beverly Lewis

Two Reasons to Run

Colleen Coble

A Portrait of Loyalty

Roseanna M. White

Under the Tulip Tree

Michelle Shocklee

COVID-19 Safety Measures

Safety measures implemented

Policies and procedures to keep you safe

The safety of our community and our staff has been our 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 by all staff and all patrons age 3 and older at all times inside

the library. For everyone's safety and in consistence 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, 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. Interior traffic patterns have been modified; please observe all directional signs. 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 just inside

the library's outer doors. 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 five 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 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 five days before checkin 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. The lower level of the library is off limits for the time being.
- **5.** All library programming will continue to be virtual rather than in-person for the time being. Public meeting spaces in the building remain closed, but community members are encouraged to sign up to reserve a free virtual Zoom meeting room on the library's website. Way Library's Zoom Rooms can accommodate up to 100 participants for up to two hours.
- 6. We are currently unable to accept any donations of books, DVDs, CDs, or other physical materials inside the library. Designated book donation drivethru/drop-off days have been scheduled by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends.
- **7.** 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.