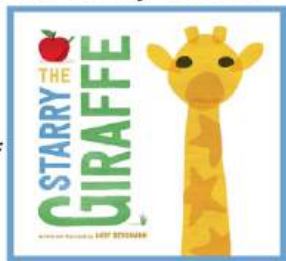


Take a Storywalk!

If you love to read and love the outdoors, go on a Storywalk! In the windows up town this month you'll meet *The Starry Giraffe* by Andy Bergmann.

Every time he reaches for a yummy red apple from a tall tree, one of his hungry friends comes along and the generous giraffe shares the treat. Just when you think he has nothing left to eat for himself, a turn of the page shows otherwise: the starry giraffe is at an apple orchard and there are apples and trees galore!



You can also enjoy our Storywalk at Stepping



Stones Park! In February, read *May I Come In?* by Marsha Diane Arnold.

When thunder roars and lightning flashes, Raccoon is afraid to be alone in his home. So he hurries out to see if any of his neighbors have room to spare for a friend in need. When Raccoon knocks on the doors of Possum, Quail, and Woodchuck, he is turned away. But then Raccoon spies a bright light in the storm. Will this next neighbor open up her house and heart to Raccoon? A tender story that reminds readers of all ages that a kind heart will always make room for one more.

Adventure Awaits

Are you looking for something new to do indoors with your family this winter? Check out USCL's Adventure Central for fun family games, art equipment that is sure to inspire, instruments like electric piano and ukulele, and electronics such as Wi-Fi hot spots. These things and more can be checked out for 2 weeks!



**Tiny Tots
(ages 0-3):**

Monday 10:00 a.m.,
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.,
and Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

**Storytime
with Miss Jill**



**Preschool
(ages 3-6):**

Monday 11:00 a.m.

Middle School Storytime

This is NOT your little brother's storytime! Miss Lisa invites Middle School students to interact with books in a new way through Reader's Theater, which allows you to become part of the story!

Meetings take place in the children's section by Miss Lisa's office at 3:00 p.m. on every Monday that school is in session.

Hang Out

Looking for a place to meet up with your friends after school? Make USCL the place to hang after school on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Miss Lisa is opening the large meeting room for grades 6-12 to play games, eat snacks, or just chill. Hang Out will be available every Wednesday that school is in session.



Every Thursday that school is in session, kids of all ages are invited to attend

That Thursday Thing from 3:00-4:00.

Each week, the children's and youth department team up to host games and activities that encourage kids to interact in positive and creative ways with each other and our staff.

There's fun snacks and plenty of time to hang out with friends. They won't want to miss it!

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Upper Sandusky Community Library



February Events

3rd: Chocolate Talk

13th: Craft Party

15th: Last Day of IditaREAD

18th: Common Readers

24th: Lunch Bunch

26th: Inglorious Bookworms

27th: Death by Bathtub Gin
Murder Mystery

Don't Forget...

USCL will be closed on
Monday, February 17 in
observance of Presidents Day.

Death by Bathtub Gin Murder Mystery!

Prohibition Agent Ogee Mann needs your help. There's been a murder at the speakeasy he was scheduled to raid that same night. Al Spumoni, suspected gangster and ice cream magnate, was poisoned at his own birthday celebration and there are multiple suspects.

Join Agent Mann on Thursday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. in USCL's downstairs speakeasy to become a Junior Agent and help solve the crime. You'll have to question the suspects, enjoy some bathtub gin, and eat some appetizers to blend in. Dressing in 1920s era clothing is encouraged but not required.

Registration for this event begins on Monday, February 10th and is required for attendance.



Online Registration Available

To register for an event, go to our website, usclibrary.org. Go to the calendar and select the event. Select the "Register Now" button. Fill in your information and click Register. You will get a confirmation email and then a reminder email 24 hours before the event. It's as simple as that!

Chocolate Talk

February is the month for sweethearts and sweet treats and USCL is happy to offer a sweet night out for you! Join us on Monday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. to get the inside track on confectionary bliss when Debbie Frey from Upper Sandusky's own Neumeister's Candy Shoppe shares her knowledge and love of chocolate. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. *There is no registration required.*



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Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Craft Party

Ahh...the month of love! Don't you wish you could capture those sweet moments and revisit them over and over? You can! Just take a picture and then come to Craft Party on Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. and make a lovely Valentine's Day frame to keep it in!



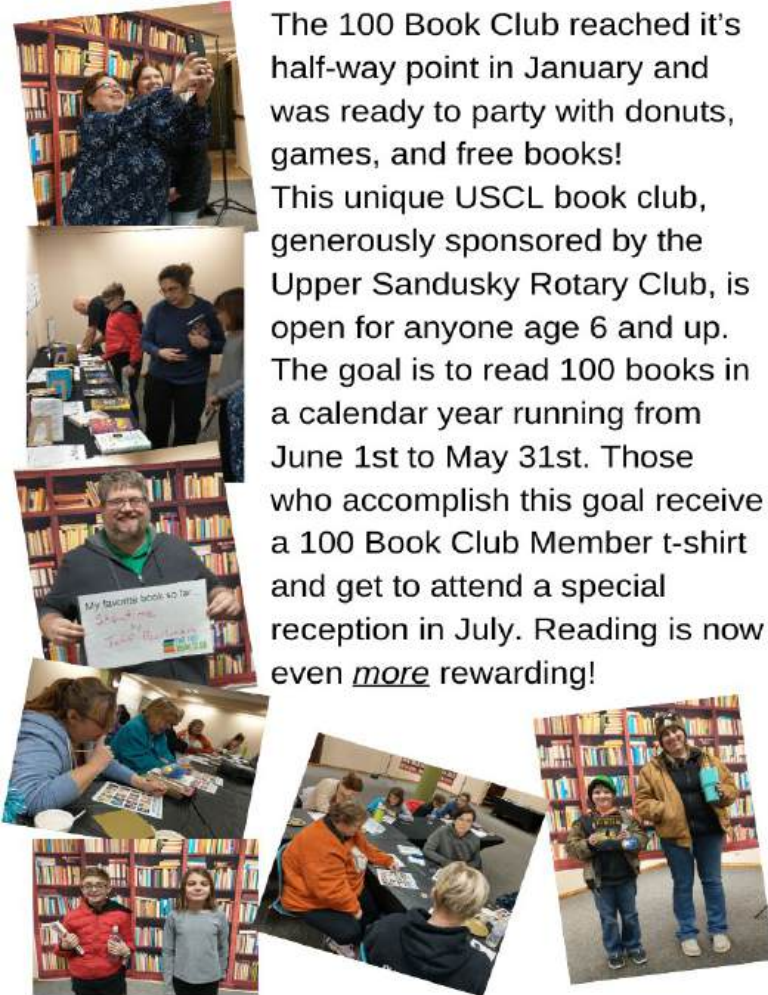
There's snacks and fun to be had and all you need to do is register. Registration begins on February 3rd and is available online, by phone, or in person.

Technical Difficulties?

Try our TechConnect hour on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon.



Going Strong!



The 100 Book Club reached it's half-way point in January and was ready to party with donuts, games, and free books! This unique USCL book club, generously sponsored by the Upper Sandusky Rotary Club, is open for anyone age 6 and up. The goal is to read 100 books in a calendar year running from June 1st to May 31st. Those who accomplish this goal receive a 100 Book Club Member t-shirt and get to attend a special reception in July. Reading is now even more rewarding!

Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, February 24th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch, where the community meets to share a meal. This month's theme is Valentine's Day.

Chocolate Cherry Coffee Cake

- 2 packages (about 17 oz. each) cinnamon swirl quick bread and muffin mix
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1 1/4 cups mini semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling



Preheat oven to 350°. Set aside glaze packets from mixes. Generously grease and flour 10-inch Bundt pan.

Sprinkle one cinnamon streusel packet and half of pecans in bottom of prepared pan. Combine quick bread mixes, water, eggs and oil in large bowl; beat 2 mins. Stir in chocolate chips. Spread half of batter evenly over pecans. Drain cherry pie filling. Do not rinse cherries. Spoon cherries over batter; sprinkle with remaining batter. Bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool in pan 1 hour; invert onto wire rack to cool completely. Prepare glaze packets according to package directions. Drizzle over cooled coffee cake; let stand until set.

If you enjoyed this recipe from *Quick and Easy Dump Cakes and More* by Cathy Mitchell try our other cookbooks located in the 641 section of the adult non-fiction area.



Thank you... Our sincere gratitude goes out to Quest Federal Credit Union for their generous donation!



To the Finish Line!

There's still time to join the IditaREAD Adult Winter Reading Program! Just stop at the front desk to sign up and receive a scratch-off ticket to win prizes every time you check out books. These tickets are then put into a drawing for a weekly large prize such as Snow Trail tickets, a heated throw, or a hooded blanket! Don't wait! The IditaREAD will only be running through February 15th! Mush!

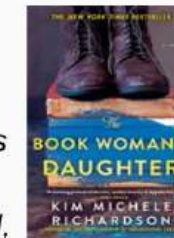


Congratulations to our weekly prize drawing winners so far!

COMMON READERS

Everyone is welcome to join Krystal and the Common Readers Book Club on February 18th at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss this month's featured book, *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. Copies of this month's books are available at the front desk, Hoopla, and Libby.

In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good. Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey begins to deliver books to the remote hollers of Appalachia. If Honey wants to bring the freedom books provide to the families who need it most, she's going to have to fight for her place, and along the way, learn that the extraordinary women who run the hills and hollers can make all the difference in the world.

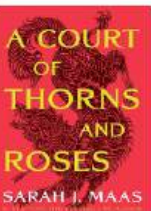


INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Share your thoughts about *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas and the Romance genre Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Don Tomasso's Restaurant. Copies of this month's book are available at the front desk, Hoopla and Libby.

When nineteen-year-old huntress Feyre kills a wolf in the woods, a terrifying creature arrives to demand retribution. Dragged to a treacherous magical land she knows about only from legends, Feyre discovers that her captor is not truly a beast, but one of the lethal, immortal faeries who once ruled her world.

At least, he's not a beast all the time. As she adapts to her new home, her feelings for the faerie, Tamlin, transform from icy hostility into a fiery passion that burns through every lie she's been told about the beautiful, dangerous world of the Fae. But something is not right in the faerie lands. An ancient, wicked shadow is growing, and Feyre must find a way to stop it, or doom Tamlin-and his world-forever.



In Memory... Ross Johnson
By Al and Jan Stoneburner