

THE NEXT CHAPTER

January 2024 Digital Newsletter



Tax Preparation by United Way Returns to EPL West River

Only at EPL West River, Second Floor Conference & Study Rooms

United Way will once again be assisting patrons with prepping and filing their State and Federal taxes. Walk-up appointments are available on a first come, first served basis on the listed dates. To file your taxes for free online, visit myfreetaxes.com.

Walk-Up Appointments

- Saturday, February 3 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, February 17 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 2 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 6 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 13 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Monday, April 15 @ 12 - 6 p.m. (last day to file)

- Appointments available during the week at West River and other locations starting January 29th. Call 2-1-1 for times and locations starting Jan. 8.
- **Last day for filing, April 15**, has appointments available for both walk-up and schedule ahead.

For appointments and tax prep questions, call: **2-1-1**



Total Solar Eclipse

• On Monday, April 8

Eclipse glasses will be given away at space-themed programs at EPL locations during the months of February to April.*

You must attend a program to receive a pair of glasses.

*While Supplies Last. One per person.

CENTRAL

211 Second Street | Elyria, Ohio 44035 | 440.323.5747

KIDS

READY, SET, GO ... TO KINDERGARTEN 1,000 BOOK READING CHALLENGE

**SIGN UP TODAY!
AGES 0-5**



The idea is simple-read as much as you can and watch your child grow. The goal is to read 1,000 books before your child enters kindergarten.

Baby Play & Learn

Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27

@ 6 p.m. | Ages 0 - 3

This series is for our youngest library friends. Come for stories, rhymes, and songs-stay for play!

Wiggles and Giggles:

Baby Play Time

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28

@ 10:00 a.m. | Ages 0 - 3

Come and have fun while increasing your child's cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being through play.

Ready-to-Read Story Time

Thursday, Jan. 11 - Feb. 29

@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5

Get ready for preschool with an interactive story time, filled with songs, rhymes, and a craft!

Adapted Story Time

Saturday, Jan. 13

@ 2 p.m. | Ages 3 - 7

Join us for this story time designed for children who may not be successful in a typical story time experience.

Registration is required.

Maker Monday's

Every Monday, Jan. 15 - Jan. 29

@ 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12

Let's explore the wondrous world of being a maker. Each session you will be given a STEM challenge to complete.

Hot Cocoa Science

Thursday, Jan. 18

@ 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12

Does the marshmallow melt quicker when it hot, cool, or warm? Let's experiment with this tasty treat.

Registration is required.

FAMILY

Winter Celebration

Friday, Jan. 19

All Day | Ages 3+

Celebrate snow with us! In our children's room we will build a snowman, make a craft, and play some snow games.

TEEN

TAB

Wednesday, Jan. 17

@ 4 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Use your voice and take part in planning programs, suggesting crafts, recommending books, and otherwise influencing Teen Services here at the library. To join, ask for an application at the Central Ask Me desk!

Registration is required.

Select Start Gaming Club

Friday, Jan. 19

@ 3:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17

Video games at home getting boring? Come play at the library with friends instead!

Delicious Desserts

Tuesday, Jan. 9

@ 4 p.m. | Ages 12 - 17

Join us for a tasty challenge for you and your friends! Try your hand at making Caramel Apple Nachos. Good Luck!

Registration is required.

ADULTS

Handmade Cards

Wednesday, Jan. 3

@ 6 p.m. | Founder's Room

Spend the evening at the library creating a unique handmade card.

All supplies provided.

Registration is required.

Jan. 3: Penguins!

SNAP Education from the OSU Extension

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6

@ 10:30 | Rotary Room

Learn how to get the most from your SNAP benefits. Each class will focus on making nutritious food choices and learning thrifty shopping tips as well as a recipe taste test.

Registration is required.

Beginning Watercolors

Monday, Jan. 15

@ 5 p.m. | Founder's Room

Lisha Nasipak is returning to offer more watercolor classes. Beginners welcome!

All supplies provided.

Registration is limited and required.

Books & Banter

Wednesday, Jan. 31

@ 6:30 p.m. | Founder's Room

Let's banter about some eclectic fiction selections! Copies of the monthly read available at Ask Me desk.

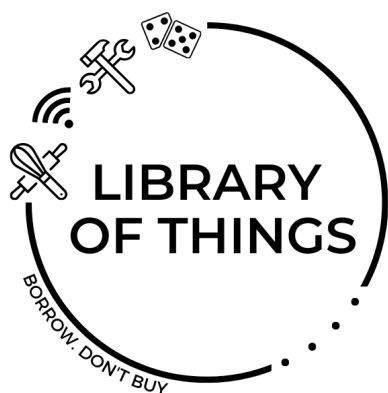
Jan. 31: *The Wake-Up Call* by Beth O'Leary

Explore our non-traditional collection of items to learn, play, connect, and grow!

- Check out items such as cake pans, cookie cutters, tool sets, sewing machines, board games, party supplies, and more.
- Hot spots are now available.
- Loan periods and circulation rules vary by item.
- To view the entire collection, visit elyrialibrary.org/libraryofthings

Call any EPL location for more information
on EPL's Library of Things.

Scan the QR code
to view collection.



WEST RIVER

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KIDS

Snowy Stories and Songs!
Mondays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 26
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5
Join us weekly for stories, songs and a craft!

Little Adventures
Wednesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5
Adventure with us into fun stories with songs and crafts!

On Theme:
A Children's Book Club
Wednesday, Jan. 10
@ 4 p.m. | Ages 8 - 12
Read whatever book you'd like, as long as it's On Theme! Then, join others to discuss your books, have a snack and do an activity. This month's theme is New Experiences.
Registration is required.

Playdough Playtime
Thursday, Jan. 11
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5
Stop in for playdough fun at the library!

Homeschool STEM Jr.: Renewable Energy
Monday, Jan. 15
@ 2 p.m. | Ages 7 - 9
Learn about the pros and cons of various renewable energy sources.
Registration is required.

Homeschool STEM: Renewable Energy
Monday, Jan. 15
@ 2 p.m. | Ages 10 - 14
Learn all about various forms of renewable energy and build a windmill!
Registration is required.

Lego Club
Wednesday, Jan. 17
@ 4 p.m. | Ages 5 - 12
Drop in to show off your Lego building skills and creativity!

Mitten Party
Friday, Jan. 19
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5
Put on your mittens and join us for a fun morning full of mitten stories, crafts and games!
Registration is required.

Cookies and Crafts
Wednesday, Jan. 24
@ 6 p.m. | Ages 6 - 10
Join us for a fun craft and a sweet treat!
Registration Required

FAMILY

Crepe Party
Friday, Jan. 12
@ 2 p.m. | Family
Learn to make crepes and enjoy a sweet piece of French culture!
Registration is required.

Winter Wonderland
Tuesday, Jan. 16
All Day | All Ages
Celebrate Winter with crafts, activities and Life-Sized Candyland!

Family Movie Night
Wednesday, Jan. 17
@ 6 p.m. | Family
Join us for popcorn and a fun movie!

Percy Jackson Escape Room
Saturday, Jan. 27
@ 1 - 4:30 p.m. | Family
Join Percy, Annabeth, and Grover on their quest to retrieve Zeus's stolen lightning bolt!
Will you be successful before you're due on Mount Olympus?
Please call 440-324-9823 to register for your 30-minute timeslot.

TEEN

Dungeons & Dragons
2nd and 4th Thursday,
@ 5 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17
Join us for some fantastical shenanigans! Don't forget your spellbooks!
Registration is required.

Cozy Reading Day
Saturday, Jan. 13
@ 2 p.m. | Ages 12 - 17
Drop in for a relaxing time to read, talk about books with friends and drink hot cocoa!

Sew Cool!
Tuesday, Jan. 23
@ 6:30 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17
Learn how to sew and make a handheld penguin softie!
Registration is required.

ADULTS

West River Knitting Club
Wednesday, Jan. 3
@ 10 a.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.
Meet fellow knitters. Bring your own project.
Beginners welcome!

Tiny Art
Wednesday, Jan. 3 and Jan. 18
@ 5 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.
Make time for yourself to relax and paint. Canvases will be tiny; paints will be plenty, and there is no pressure to make a masterpiece.
Registration is preferred.

Crochet Collective
Thursday, Jan. 4 & 18
@ 6 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.
Stop in for stitching, chatting, and sharing! All skill levels are welcome. The library can provide enough yarn for practice.
Registration is preferred.

Page Turners Book Club
Monday, Jan. 8
@ 6 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.
Join us as we kick off a year of great fiction reading and discussion with our first book.
Jan. 8: *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*
by J. Ryan Stradal

Tasting Tuesday
Tuesday, Jan. 9
@ 5:30 p.m. | Miller Room
Hot Chocolates from around the world! Join us as we dive into the rich creamy chocolate goodness that the rest of the world indulges in.
Registration is required.

Mysteries in the Morning
Wednesday, Jan. 10
@ 10 a.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.
Elevate your morning with a book discussion. Request our next read at the Circulation Desk.
Jan 10: *The Murder at the Vicarage*
by Agatha Christie

Crafting on a Budget
Monday, Jan. 15
@ 2 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
It may be cold and blustery outside, but we will be channeling ocean breezes when we make our own sea glass art.
Registration is required.

Genealogy Workshop
Tuesday, Jan. 16 & 23
@ 6 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.
This is a twice-monthly, hands-on program so bring family information and your laptop or a USB drive to save your research. Open to new and experienced genealogists.
Registration is required.

Heart Health
Thursday, Feb. 1
@ 1 p.m. | Miller Room
During the holidays, you demonstrated the kindness in your heart. Now it is time to demonstrate kindness TO your heart! Learn how to treat your heart right with registered dietician Katie Hoover!
Registration is required.



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Call 2-1-1 for an appointment to have United Way prepare you Federal & State income taxes.

Begin making your taking appointments on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024; they fill up fast!

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KEYSTONE

133 East Commerce Drive | LaGrange, OH 44050 | 440.322.0119

KIDS

Preschool Picnics

1st Saturday of the month
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5
Bring your favorite blanket and snack to enjoy a preschool show! Each month features a show followed by open play.
Registration is required.

Morning on the Go Story Time

Tuesdays, Jan. 9 - May 10
@ 10 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5
Make the Library a part of your little one's morning routine with a story time, craft, and activity.

Lego® Club

Tuesdays, Jan. 9 - May 28
@ 4:15 p.m. | Ages 4+
A new brick challenge each week.

TWEEN & TEEN ADULT

Just Desserts

3rd Wednesday of the month
@ 4:15 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17
Like sweet treats? Learn how to make these no bake desserts.
Registration is required.
Jan. 17: Homemade Dunkaroo Dip (Funfetti Cake Batter Dip)

Tween Diamond Painting

4th Wednesday of the month
@ 4:15 p.m. | Ages 8 - 12
Create a sparkling gem of an artwork to take home with you!
Registration is required.
Jan. 24: Magnets

Open Crafting Hour

Wednesdays, Jan. 10 - May 29
@ 6:30 p.m. | Meeting Room
Utilize our large meeting room to work on your craft projects with fellow crafters.

Writer's Guild

2nd Saturday of the month
@ 11:30 a.m. | Conference Room
Calling all writers! This group works to improve your writing techniques and storytelling skills.
Registration is required.

Book Nook

3rd Monday of the month
@ 6:30 p.m. | Meeting Room
Join us and discuss a monthly read with friends new and old. Books are available to check out at the circulation desk.
Registration is required.
Jan. 15 : *Hello Beautiful*
by Ann Napolitano

Mysteries & Muffins

Select Dates
@ 2 p.m. | Conference Room
Join us for muffins and discussion of a classic or cozy mystery! Books are available to check out at the circulation desk.
Registration is required.
Jan. 8: *Peach Cobbler Murder*
By Joanne Fluke

SOUTH

340 15th Street | Elyria, Ohio 44035 | 440.322.0190

Middle School Art

Speak Art Show

Jan. 8 - Jan. 20
See the creativity that our young patrons as we showcase the student work from Middle School Art Speak programming from previous fall 2023 sessions.

Indoor Snow Day

Friday, Jan. 12
@ 2 p.m. | Families
Play with fake snow, make a snowflake bookmark, and more indoor winter fun.

No School No Sew Pillow

Tuesday, Jan. 16
@ 3 p.m. | Tween and Teen
Make a no sew fleece pillow while supplies last!



Middle School Art Speak Art Show

EPL South
Jan. 8 - Jan. 20

See the creativity that our young patrons as we showcase the student work from Middle School Art Speak programming from previous fall 2023 sessions.