



Way Public Library

NEWSLETTER

January 2021

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Happy New Year!

Anne of Green Gables is a beloved literary character known for living life to the fullest. She once said “Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?” As we plunge headlong into a brand new year, it is heartening to think that we can begin it with a clean slate. It bears mentioning that Anne wisely ended her observation with the word “yet.” So, yes! It is entirely possible to go ahead and give ourselves some grace for the inevitable mistakes while simultaneously embracing an optimistic outlook.

This winter, we are inviting you to engage in some very uplifting activities with us. As your public library, we are uniquely positioned to provide a steady variety of reliable, free, and easily accessible resources for your information, enrichment, skill-building, and entertainment. While winter can be a challenge for physical and mental well-being during the best of times, we realize that this winter could require a little more effort. That’s why “Stay Well with Way” is our theme for the next three months.

To tell you the truth, we’re feeling pretty excited about what we’ve lined up for you! Please keep reading to see how we can help you make the most of the season just ahead.



Stay Well with Way

It's nice to be recognized!

We are proud to announce that Way Library has been designated by *Library Journal* as one of the nation's "2020 Star Libraries."

Ratings published in 2020 are based on usage and operating data collected for 2018. 5,608 public libraries across the country qualified for consideration, and of those only 262 were awarded the coveted title of "Star Library."

Way joins 30 other exemplary Ohio libraries in receiving this honor.

We thank all of YOU for the patronage and support which are key to our success. You are the real stars!



Something else to celebrate

Way Public Library will celebrate its 140th anniversary in 2021. We will also mark the 20th anniversary of our move into the latest rendition of your community library—twenty years ago this coming September, we opened the doors to the expanded and renovated facility which you know and love today.

Let's pause to appreciate Harriet Hurlburt and Willard Way. The Hurlburt residence at 118 Louisiana Avenue was the site of the initial 1,000-volume library Harriet set up in 1881, using interest from a \$15,000 donation by local attorney Willard Way.

Don't you wish they could see Way today?



Mindfulness Coach-in-Residence

It is a distinct pleasure to announce that we will host a mindfulness coach-in-residence in winter 2021, thanks to a sponsorship by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends.

Dr. Deborah Hendricks, Director and Mindfulness Coach for the Pre-Health Advising Center at the University of Toledo, will share her expertise with the community by conducting four interactive workshops via Zoom, as well as curating helpful resources for mindfulness.

The workshop series will offer a basic overview to introduce participants to the practice of mindfulness meditation. During each virtual session, there will be an information session, opportunities to engage in guided exercises, breakout rooms to allow small groups to share, and a time for Q & A. Due to the highly participatory nature of the sessions, it is recommended that cameras stay on to promote a strong sense of community.

The first virtual workshop is "Introduction to Mindfulness" and will be held at 7pm on Monday, January 25. [Register here.](#)



Live tutoring now available for all ages every day!

Exciting news! Way Library now offers free academic resources and live, online tutoring from Tutor.com seven days a week.

Anyone with a library card can get help with homework, class projects, papers, and test prep, as well as resume help and career coaching for adult job seekers.

K-12 and even AP-level and intro-level college coursework, math, science, English, social studies, and writing are all covered. All sessions are conducted online by highly vetted professional tutors.

The on-demand service is available from 12:00 noon until 10pm every day.

Don't wait to get the help you need! Improve the quality of your education--and your life---by logging in [on our website](#) today.

For assistance or more information, please call 419-874-3135 ext 119.



Crafternoons with Stephanie

We would like to welcome our January and February "Crafternoons with Stephanie" sponsor, Skotynsky Financial Group, LLC. Their kind support makes it possible for us to provide fun take-home Craft Kits for adults at absolutely no charge to you.

Have you ever picked up an adult take-home Craft Kit and not known exactly what to do with it? Stephanie Coil will be hosting two Zoom meetings in January to help you with any questions about the current month's crafts.

Kits for the **Snowman Button Art** will be available at the Circulation Desk on Wednesday, January 6. Included are a painted board (quantities are very limited) OR an unpainted board, and white, black, blue, and orange buttons, plus instructions. If you pick up a kit with an unpainted board, please take the time to paint or stain the board before the Zoom Crafternoon with Stephanie which takes place on Wednesday, January 13 from 2-3pm. [Register here.](#)

For the second January craft, start saving your empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls now! Kits for the **Toilet Paper Roll Snowflake** will include glitter glue and instructions and will be available beginning Thursday, January 21. You can work on this craft via Zoom with Stephanie on Thursday, January 28 from 2-3pm. [Register here.](#)

Remember, craft kits can also be picked up using our [curbside service](#) for contactless delivery.

Coming soon: Community Journal Project

Be on the lookout for "To Be Continued: A

Community Journal Project coming to Way Library in mid- to late-January.

You'll be able to check out a notebook and contribute your own thoughts, writing, or artwork based on the notebook's theme. By taking part, you'll be engaging in dialogue and connection with other community members through circulating journals.

We are eager for you to join us on this collaborative creative adventure! Stay tuned to our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for more details.

To Be Continued...
A Community Journal Project
of Way Library
Book 1
Memories of Perrysburg



Adult Winter Reading Program

One of the best ways we can think of to help you "Stay Well with Way" is to practice a little bibliotherapy!

Adults are invited to join us for our "**Warm Up with a Good Book**" winter reading program beginning on Friday, January 15 and running through Sunday, February 28. A variety of activities will be presented, and prizes will be awarded to participants.

Signup information will be shared on our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page. In the meantime, you may contact Stephanie Coil at 419-874-3135 ext 130 for more information.

Children's story times are back!

Beginning the week of January 11, new Mother Goose and Toddler Time story times will be posted.

On January 6, Preschool story time will return, and along with it the weekly story-themed Preschool take-home craft.

An announcement will be made on our [Facebook](#) page each time a new story time video is posted. Current and archived story times may be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#) at any time.



Candy Sushi take-home kit for Teens

Beginning January 11 and while supplies last, teens can pick up the supplies and instructions for making Candy Sushi at home! Stop by the Youth Services Desk to get your kit.



Warm Up America! knitting project returns to Way

Do you knit or crochet?

If the answer is "yes," you are invited to join us in a project to "Warm Up America!" This will be the third

year Way has sponsored this knitting project.

Here's how it works. Volunteers knit or crochet 7" x 9" sections and drop them off at Way. Sections should be placed in a bag and left on the Beyond Books returns table in the lobby across from the Circulation Desk.

At the end of March, all of the sections collected will be sent to Warm Up America! headquarters where they will be made into afghans to be distributed to those in need.

If you would like to participate, more information, including patterns and material specifications may be found online at warmupamerica.org.

Thank you for sharing your time and talent with those who could really use a warm blanket!



Baker's Way: A Pan for All Seasons

Here's a fun indoor activity for you this winter! Baker's Way had added a new Snowflake Cookie Pan and it's ready to be checked out.

Make a batch of snowflake cookies for your family and see how many different decorative designs you can make with icing. After all, "no two snowflakes are alike!"

If you have fun with the snowflakes, you might like to try our other two cookie pans—heart shapes and spring themes (flowers, bunnies, butterflies).

[See all the cake pans in our collection.](#)

The BIG READ

Way Library will participate in the BIG READ with Owens Community College, January through April 2021.

Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth by Sarah Smarsh will be discussed via Zoom on Thursday, March 4. Sarah Smarsh's newest book, ***She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs***, will be the topic of a Thursday, April 8 Zoom event. On Wednesday, April 28, Sarah Smarsh will make an author's visit. Please contact Stephanie Coil at 419-874-3135 ext 130 for more information about these BIG READ events, as details are still being finalized.

Any community member may also participate in a BIG READ related art exhibit in the Terhune Gallery on the Toledo campus of Owens Community College and in the Library on the Findlay campus. The theme of the exhibit is "Hiding in Plain Sight....Poverty in Toledo." Exhibition dates are Friday, February 5 through Friday, April 2 with a Virtual Opening Reception on Friday, February 5 from 6-8pm. Please contact the Owens Community College Gallery Director, Shelby Stoots, by Monday, January 11, 2021 at 567-661-7956 for more information if you would like to have your work displayed in this exhibit.



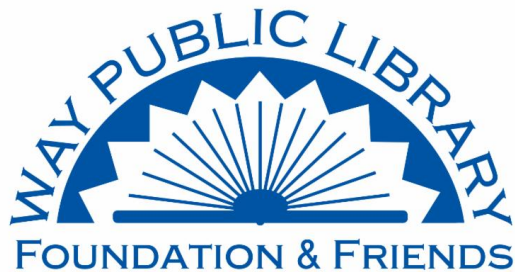
AARP Tax Preparation Update

As of this writing, the AARP is still working out plans for providing tax preparation assistance to seniors

and low/reduced income taxpayers during this year's tax season.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, tax preparation assistance will not be available at Way Library this year.

When further details are provided by AARP, we will publish them on our [website](#).



News from WPLFF

Books for Sale

Check out the "Specials" book rack located near the Information Desk on the library's main level. You'll find popular books for sale in great or like-new condition. New items are added regularly, so check back often.

A "Book Store" is also open on the library's lower level. You'll find thousands of books there at bargain prices.

As always, all proceeds from the sale of books benefit Way Library.

Annual Campaign for Way

Please support Way Library by making your tax-deductible donation today. It is thanks to our donors that the Way Public Library Foundation & Friends has been able to provide valuable support to Way during these extraordinary times.

From large gifts to our endowment to donations to our Annual Campaign, every gift is vital to the continued success of Way Library. Your thoughtful donation may be sent to WPLFF, 101 East Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 or made online at [Donate Now](#).

**More
Library
News and Notes**

Read all about it!

Technology Trends

Rachel Henck Bentley, Technology Specialist, has put together a guide for making a [Digital Vision Board](#) for visualizing your 2021 goals. Rachel's quick [tutorial](#) will teach you how to use the free graphic design tool Canva for this timely project. Give it a try and see how easy it is!

Richard Baranowski, Local History Librarian, has recently had an article accepted by *Northwest Ohio History Journal*. This peer-reviewed professional journal is a publication of the Maumee Valley Historical Society, and it specializes in political, military, cultural, and ethnic history of Northwest Ohio.

The article, "President Grant Visits Toledo," is an account of the president's visit to Toledo in October of 1873 to attend a Civil War reunion. The piece will be in the Winter/Spring issue which comes out in early 2021.

(Hot tip! Civil war history buffs will want to register for Richard's lecture "[Fuss and Feathers: General Winfield Scott Visits Perrysburg.](#)" It takes place via Zoom on Wednesday, February 3 at 7pm.)

Curbside Service nears 3K milestone!

Our [Curbside Pickup Service](#) has enjoyed immense popularity since it was launched in May 2020. So far our Circulation staff has made approximately 2,950 deliveries of books and other library materials to your waiting cars. We are so glad you are enjoying this convenient service! We hope you will find it even more helpful during the winter months.

Beyond Books Jr. turns "1"

With a full year under its belt, we can report that [Beyond Books Jr.](#) has been a hit with the youngsters. The collection has grown to 82 items and boasts 1,339 checkouts to date. The most popular items? That would be the costume sets and the Toddler Busy Boards!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Our Calendar of Events is where you'll find a searchable, chronological list of all of our upcoming events.

If you're looking for history programs, book talks, Topical Tuesdays, Mercy Health webinars, Crafternoons, workshops, or other events, this is where you'll find them.

The calendar includes all of the important event details you need, *plus* an easy registration button.

Browse through it to see what's on our schedule!

[All Events](#)

[Adults](#)

[Children](#)

[Teens](#)

New Books!

drink cocoa

read books

be happy

Books for Teens

Click a title to place a hold.

[The Cousins](#)

Karen McManus

[Black Canary: Breaking Silence](#)

Alexandra Monir

[New Year's Kiss](#)

Lee Matthews

[Instant Karma](#)

Marissa Meyer



Moe's Bookmark: Fiction

Click a title to place a hold.

[Twenty](#)

James Grippando

January 5, 2021

[Neighbors](#)

Danielle Steel

January 5, 2021

[Robert B. Parker's Someone to Watch Over Me](#)

Ace Atkins

January 12, 2021

[The Breaker](#)

Nick Petrie

January 12, 2021

[The Lost Boys](#)

Faye Kellerman

January 12, 2021

[The Scorpion's Tail](#)

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

January 12, 2021

[Before She Disappeared](#)

Lisa Gardner

January 19, 2021



Moe's Bookmark: Inspirational

Click a title to place a hold. Some books may not be available for holds until closer to their release dates.

[The Thief of Blackfriars Lane](#)

Michelle Griep

[A Double Dose of Love](#)

Kathleen Fuller

[Endless Mercy](#)

Tracie Peterson & Kimberley Woodhouse

[Active Defense](#)

Lynette Eason

[Night Bird Calling](#)

Cathy Gohlke

All Through the Night

Tara Johnson

Beauty Among Ruins

J'Nell Ciesielski

The Vanishing at Loxby Manor

Abigail Wilson

The Preacher's Son

Patricia Johns



Stephanie's Picks: Nonfiction

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Discovering the Inner Mother: A Guide to Healing the Mother Wound and Claiming Your Personal Power

Bethany Webster

January 5

Kill Switch: The Rise of the Modern Senate and the Crippling of American Democracy

Adam Jentleson

January 12

Vegetarian Chinese Soul Food: Deliciously Doable Ways to Cook Greens, Tofu, and Other Plant-Based Ingredients

Hsiao-Ching Chou

January 19

Sonic Boom: The Impossible Rise of Warner Bros. Records, from Hendrix to Fleetwood Mac to Madonna to Prince

Peter Ames Carlin

January 19

Industrial Strength Bluegrass: Southwestern Ohio's Musical Legacy (Music in American Life)

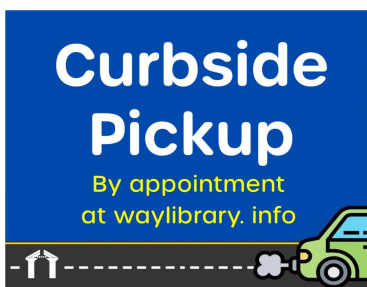
Fred Bartenstein & Curtis W. Ellison

January 25

Goering's Man in Paris: The Story of a Nazi Art Plunderer and His World

Jonathan Petropoulos

January 2



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Read more about it [here](#) or set



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your appointment at
curbside.waylibrary.info now.

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YouTube channel. That's where you'll find original tutorials, children's story time videos, and more. [Visit and subscribe!](#)

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