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I hope you stopped by Way Library during the holiday season and enjoyed our decorations that were inspired by a peppermint. My long list of Christmas cookies ended up being cut to my family's favorites - traditional cut-out sugar cookies (using my 94-year-old grandma's recipe) and buckeyes. My grandma's recipe had to be edited a little because I used gluten-free flour instead of regular flour and monk fruit sweetener and Sugar in the Raw instead of granular and brown sugar. But the cookies still tasted fantastic. My family always uses a set of antique cookie cutters but we opted for only the Christmas tree, star, and bell. I've purchased sets of these cookie cutters for my daughter and daughter-in-law to have in their homes. Now that Christmas is over, it is time to look forward to the New Year - 2022. I've decided to focus ahead on 2022 instead of revisiting 2021 and remembering the negatives of the year. Don't get me wrong, MANY good things happened in 2021 including my daughter's engagement, my acceptance of this position at Way Library, and being able to celebrate Christmas with my 92 and 94 year-old grandmas, my parents, and my grown children. But a positive focus (not a positive Covid test) is my priority to start the new year. **Happy New Year!!!**





Happening at Way Library



Way Library's Lower Level Gallery will feature Topics Camera Club Photography

January 9 — early March

This exhibit includes over fifty framed prints covering a wide range of subject matter encompassing nature, landscapes, portraits, night scenes, architecture, and still life. Local subject matter and vistas from abroad are featured. The exhibit is open to the public during normal library hours. Topics Camera Club offers amateurs as well as advanced photographers an opportunity to improve their photography through competitions, lectures, mentoring, programs, and demonstrations. They are affiliated with the Photographic Society of America and have members of all skill levels, from beginner to professional. Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at Way Public Library.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

All storytimes start back up the week of January 10, 2022, and no longer require

registration. Storytimes are held in the Mercy Health Activity Center on the main floor of Way Library.



Mother Goose Time for birth-18 months

Thursdays, January 13, 20, & 27 at 10 am

A 30-minute early literacy program for babies and their caregivers featuring music, rhymes, and stories. **Registration is not required for this drop-in storytime.**

Toddler Time for 19-35 months

Tuesdays, January 11, 18, & 25 at 9:30 am or 10:30 am

A 30-minute interactive program for toddlers and their caregivers featuring stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, and songs. **Registration is not required for this drop-in storytime.**

Preschool Story Time for ages 3-6

Wednesdays, January 12, 19, & 26 at 10 am or 2 pm

A fun 45-minute program featuring stories, songs, fingerplays, and group activities for children. **Registration is not required for this drop-in storytime.**



Paige Shane

Mercy Health Presents Staying Fit During the Winter Months

During the winter months, you may not be able to exercise outside, but there are many ways to stay active and warm! Join Mercy Health expert, Paige Shane as she discusses staying fit during the winter months.

Paige Shane is a Physical Therapist Assistant at Mercy Health and former group fitness instructor. She is passionate about making health fun and accessible. She graduated top of her cohort with honors and is currently pursuing a B.S. in Integrated Healthcare Studies at Ohio University. Her professional passions range from aquatic therapy to pelvic health, and she plans to invest her future in



New Reading Program

Starting on January 3, 2022, children can come into the library to pick up their reading log and three starter dragon cards for Way Library's **Reading Dragons and Friends** program. A new card is earned for every 30 minutes read, up to 16 cards per month. Different games can be played with collected cards and those are listed on the reading log. The **Reading Dragons and Friends** program will run throughout the school year.

Spice Up Your New Year!

The **Spice of the Month Club** is a great way to try out new spices! Registered members of the Spice of the Month Club will receive a sample packet of each month's spice, a recipe that features that spice, and a little bit of history about the spice. Each month's registration for **Spice of the Month Club** will open 2 weeks before the pick-up date which begins on the First Monday of that month. If you registered for January's Spice of the Month Cardamom, spice packet pick up begins on Monday, January 3, 2022.



[Registration for February's Spice of the Month Za'atar opens on Monday, January 24, 2022.](#)



Lego League is BACK

Thursday, January 13

from 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

If you're a great Lego builder, or a first-timer, this is the place for you. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination for an hour of free building. Ages 4 and up. Contact Alisha Nolin at 419-874-3135 ext. 107 for more information. **Registration is not required.**

A graphic for dog license sales featuring two cartoon dogs, a brown one on the left and a black one on the right, both wearing collars with tags. Above them are two red bone-shaped collars with tags. The background is a light purple with a white paw print. The text is in bold black font.

**2022 Wood County
Dog License Sales**
**Wednesday, January 5 &
Tuesday, January 25**
1-4 PM
at
Way Library
\$14 per dog
(Cash or Check)

Way Library Adult Crafting 2022

Adult crafting in 2022 will look a little different at Way Library. For the first 6 months of the year, Way Library will have adult craft kits to make at home every other month – January, March, and May. January’s take-home adult craft will be a paper bag snowflake. Kits will include supplies and instructions needed to make the craft at home although some other supplies like scissors or glue may be needed but not included. This is only an adult craft kit. There will not be a craft class in January. In February, Way Library will host a class on Thursday, February 3, 6:30-8 PM. Registered participants will create a personalized book stack to keep for themselves or give as a gift for Valentine’s Day. There will be a supply fee of \$10 for the class. Registration and payment can be made at the Information Desk beginning on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 9 AM. For more information, contact Stephanie at 419-874-3135 extension 130. This is only a class. There will not be an adult take-home craft kit available in February.



Happy New Year!

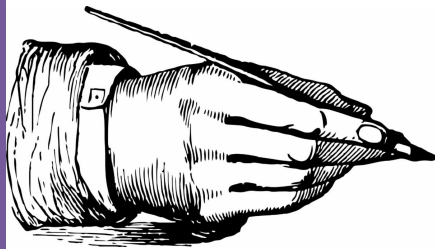
Now that winter is here, it is officially hot chocolate season. What better reason to try out the hot chocolate bomb craze. In case you didn’t know, hot chocolate bombs are decorated balls of chocolate that have marshmallows and hot cocoa mix inside. When you place a hot chocolate

bomb in your mug and pour in hot milk or water, the shell will melt and release the hidden hot cocoa mix and marshmallows! They can be made with a traditional hot cocoa mix or with all sorts of add-ins like mint chocolate, peanut butter, and more. Want to give it try? Fortunately, Baker's Way has a hot chocolate bomb mold available for check out. Enjoy the season of hot chocolate!



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

Creative Writing Feature



Do you like to write short stories or poetry? Would you like to share one of your creative writing pieces with our Way Library community? Here's your opportunity to submit your creative writing piece for possible inclusion in an upcoming Way Public Library email newsletter!

[Click here to submit a creative writing piece.](#)

The first creative writing piece I'm including is from Daniel Knorek. Daniel is a high school senior from Perrysburg, OH. He currently attends Maumee Valley Country Day School, where he is the head of the high school's Writing Club. Next year, he plans to attend Columbia University in the City of New York to further study English and Creative Writing. Outside of writing, he loves to play video games, play on his school's baseball and golf teams, read science fiction and fantasy novels, and spend time with his friends and family.

The B Train

On a bleak, rainy morning
she boarded the B train south
her makeup smeared just a bit
and her hair damp, but not dripping

She sat down next to a man in a suit
fast asleep, his snores made her smile
his suitcase sat between them
it leaned upon her arm for just a moment

its cold leather chilled the woman's warm hand
she pushed the suitcase back

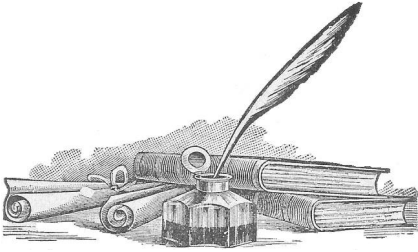


quickly, yet quietly
the man stirred for a moment
and fell back into his dream

on the other side of the car, a teenage girl
wearing a neon orange sweater
that gleamed against the cold subway lights
Headphones on, her eyes fiery, yet tired

Like a campfire in the early hours of the morning

She caught the woman's gaze
And quickly looked back to her phone
The girl pulled up her hoodie
bit one of the strings without thinking



The train came to the surface
for only a moment
rain danced on the windows
singing a short, staccato hymn



but in that moment
the sun peeked through the clouds
the girl's face was bathed in light
her amber eyes a flawless gold

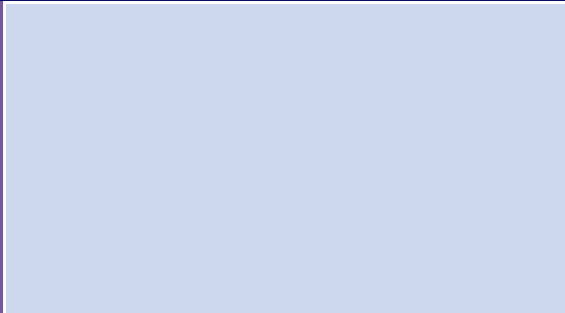
and she smiled as the train descended once more

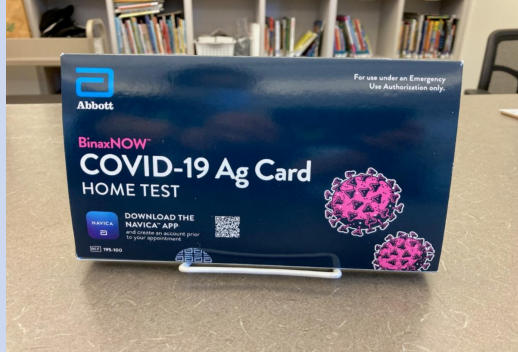
2 COVID-19 Test Kits Available

You can get COVID-19 Rapid At-home Test Kits just by asking for them at our Circulation Desk. If you are experiencing any symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, please schedule a contactless Curbside Pickup by calling 419-874-3135 extension 119.

Tests are made available by the Ohio Department of Health at no cost to patrons or the library. As Ohio libraries continue to face short-term supply constraints and increasing demand, the Executive Director of the Ohio Library Council has requested that all libraries limit a household to no more than four tests per day. The test is designed to be taken at home and is not intended to be administered at or by the library.

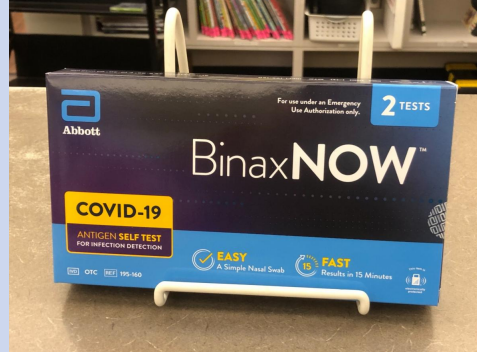
More information is available [here](#).





Proctored Home Test

- Results automatically reported to public health department.
- It can be used to return/stay in school.
- It can be used for travel.
- It can be used to end quarantine in Ohio.
- It is proctored through eMed.
- It requires technology such as a smartphone or computer.
- There is one test per box.



Over-the-Counter Test

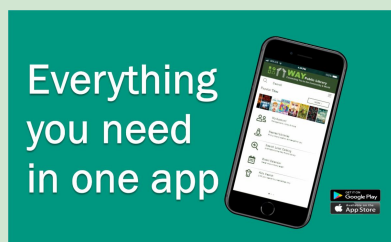
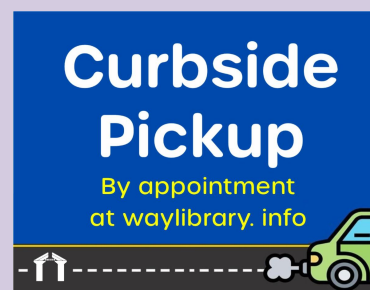
This test is for peace of mind when visiting friends and family members.

- Results can be self-reported to public health department.
- It CANNOT be used to return/stay in school.
- It CANNOT be used for travel.
- It CANNOT be used to end quarantine in Ohio.
- It IS NOT proctored through eMed.
- It DOES NOT require technology such as a smartphone or computer.
- There are two tests per box.

Convenient Curbside Pickup

Curbside pickup remains popular at Way for its safety and convenience. Any patron can pick up books and other physical materials using our contactless pickup service.

Read more [here](#) or set your appointment now at curbside.waylibrary.info.



Get the App!

If you are an Apple or Android user, you can now get access to your library account with one click! Download the Way Library app on the App Store or Google Play.

You can manage checkouts and holds on your account, search the catalog, browse book recommendations, quickly access the Curbside Pickup feature,

connect to social media, and more!

If you need a little guidance, [take our video tour with step-by-step instructions](#) for downloading and using the app.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our Calendar is where you'll find a searchable, chronological list of all library events for children, teens, and adults.

If you're looking for story times, book clubs, Topical Tuesdays, Mercy Health programs, craft classes, or any other events, this is the place to start.

The calendar includes all of the important event details you need, *plus* an easy registration button if registration is required. Registration for some events may begin later in the month. The date registration begins is highlighted on the event's page when you hit "Register here" in the following descriptions.

Browse through to see what's coming up!

Adults

Topics Camera Club Photography Exhibit

January 9—early March

Way Library Lower Level

Open during regular library hours.

Digital Media and Library Apps

Tuesday, January 11 from 6:30-7:45 pm

Meeting Rooms A, B, C, & D

Breaking in a new tablet, phone, or laptop you received this holiday? Way Library offers FREE access to many different kinds of digital media with your library card! This presentation will highlight our popular digital services and their apps: Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, Flipster, and more. We'll help you figure out which services are right for you!

History Circle: *Glory*

Wednesday, January 12 from 7-8:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Discussion led by Dr. Chelsea Griffis, Lecturer in History at the University of Toledo. Copies of the 1989 film *Glory* are available at Way Library to watch beforehand. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Third Monday Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 17 from 7-8:30 pm

Meeting Rooms A, B, C, & D

Group members will discuss Dawnie Walton's *The Final Revival of Opal and Nev*, led by Natalie Dielman. Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk.

Topical Tuesdays: Recycling & Reusing

Tuesday, January 18 from 7-8:30 pm

Meeting Rooms A, B, C, & D

Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for the Office of Litter Prevention and Recycling for the city of Perrysburg, will discuss current curbside recycling programs and special recycling opportunities. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area.

Adult Take Home Craft

Wednesday, January 19 at 9 am

Paper Bag Snowflake craft kit will be available to make at home at the Circulation desk beginning at 9 am.

Reel Opinions with WGTE

Thursday, January 20 from 2-4 pm

Meeting Rooms A, B, C, & D

Way Library and WGTE present one hour of "American Oz", an episode of the PBS documentary series *American Experience*. This short documentary episode explores the life and times of author L. Frank Baum, the creator of one of the most beloved American narratives ever, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

Reel Art: Driveways (American)

Friday, January 21 from 7-10 pm

Meeting Rooms A, B, C, & D

Driveways is a film about the forging of a friendship between Del (Brian Dennehy), an isolated veteran, and Cody (Lucas Jaye), a boy who arrives at the house next door. The film explores themes of isolation and companionship as the two learn from each other and grow through their shared experiences. Adults only. Sponsored by Skotynsky Financial Group LLC.

Staying Fit During the Winter Months

presented by Mercy Health

Tuesday, January 25 from 2-3 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

You may not be able to exercise outside, but there are many ways to stay active and warm! Join Mercy Health expert, Paige Shane as she discusses staying fit during the winter months.

Inspirational Book Club - *If I Were You* by Lynn Austin

Wednesday, January 26 from 12-1 pm

Conference Room 2

Participants will discuss *If I Were You* by Lynn Austin. *If I Were You* follows the wealthy widow Audrey Clarkson and her relationship to her family maid's daughter, Eve Dawson, set in the era of World War II. A story about status, faith, and tragedy sees the two women struggle together in the face of greater enemies. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Children

Bookaneers Book Club

Thursday, January 6 from 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

Children ages 8-12 will talk about *Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte and do activities based on the book. Books are available at the Children's Desk. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Homeschoolers' Book Talk

Monday, January 10 from 1:30-2:30 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

Children ages 8-12 will discuss *The Very, Very Far North* by Dan Bar-El. Copies are available at the Information Desk. Registration is required.

[Register here.](#)

Lego League

Thursday, January 13 from 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

If you're a great Lego builder, or a first-timer, this is the place for you. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination for an hour of free building.

Registration is not required.

Afternoon Adventures: Artic Explorers

Monday, January 17 from 1:30-2:30 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

Children ages 5-7 will explore remarkable books and make crafts about polar habitat. Learn all about the unique creatures who call the arctic home!

Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Storybook Spotlight

Tuesday, January 18 from 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

Children ages 5-7 can join us for a celebration of Jan Brett's *The Mitten*. There will be games, crafts, and snacks all honoring this beloved story. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Stories and STEM

Thursday, January 20 from 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercy Health and Activity Center

Kids ages 8-12 will learn about snowflakes by reading the story *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin then design their own snowflakes!

Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Homeschoolers' Marble Runs

Monday, January 24 from 1:30-2:30 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

Children ages 8-12 can put their imagination and problem-solving skills to the test designing marble runs with an assortment of recycled material.

Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Teens

Homeschoolers' Page Turners

Monday, January 3 from 1:30-2:30 pm

Conference Room 1

Homeschoolers ages 12-16 are doing a Book Share! Bring one or two of your favorite books to share and discuss with the group. Be prepared to answer a few questions about your book such as: which genre is it? What made this book enjoyable or special for you? Is it part of a series? Who would you suggest try this book? Please bring the book with you if possible. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Teen Winter Escape Room

Friday, January 7 from 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

Teens ages 12-16 can solve clues and puzzles to win a prize in this winter themed escape room full of lights and "snow"! Registration is required.

[Register here.](#)

Teen Fairy Tale STEAM Challenges

Wednesday, January 19 All Day

Meeting Rooms A, B, C, & D

Can you build a structure that can't be blown down by the Big Bad Wolf? Use given materials and your STEAM skills to work your way through this, and other, fairy tale themed challenges! Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Pizza and Pages

Friday, January 21 from 4:15-5:15 pm

Mercy Health Activity Center

Teens ages 12-16 will be discussing *Hunted* by Meagan Spooner. Pizza will be handed out to eat at home. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

New Books



FICTION

New Fiction Books

Click a title to place a hold. You must be logged into your library account in order to place a hold.

[Invisible](#)

by Danielle Steel

January 4, 2022

[Reckless Girls](#)

by Rachel Hawkins

January 4, 2022

[The Horsewoman](#)

by James Patterson & Mike Lupica

January 10, 2022

[Something to Hide](#)

by Elizabeth George

January 11, 2022

[The Last House on the Street](#)

by Diane Chamberlain

January 11, 2022

End of Days

by Brad Taylor
January 11, 2022

Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby

by Ace Atkins
January 18, 2022

One Step Too Far

by Lisa Gardner
January 18, 2022

Reminders of Him

by Colleen Hoover
January 18, 2022

Quicksilver

by Dean Koontz
January 25, 2022

Violeta

by Isabel Allende
January 25, 2022



NONFICTION

New Nonfiction Books

Click a title to place a hold. You must be logged into your library account in order to place a hold.

Murder at Teal's Pond: Hazel Drew and the Mystery that Inspired Twin Peaks

by David Bushman
January 1, 2022

Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom

by Carl Bernstein
January 11, 2022

Enough Already: Learning to Love the Way I Am Today

by Valerie Bertinelli
January 18, 2022

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We also share photos and feature fun, engaging content. [Join us now!](#)



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Are you on Twitter? Follow us there for fun updates on library happenings!

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Contact Information



Hi! I'm Stephanie. This is now my third monthly Way Library newsletter! Again, I have enjoyed creating this email publication from writing the articles to finding just the right photo or clipart! This newsletter includes more links to our website so you can easily register for programs, although registering for most programs has become optional. Way Library hopes to see more patrons back in the building in 2022!

**I'd love to get your feedback on this newsletter!
And again, thank you for being a loyal subscriber.**

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