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AKRON ART LIBRARY LAUNCHES — Connecting New Audiences with Art

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Mission Statement

The Akron-Summit County Public Library provides resources for learning and leisure, information services, meeting spaces, and programs for all ages that support, improve, and enrich individual, family and community life.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

We welcome public attendance. Please call 330-643-9108 for more information and to verify locations and times prior to attending.

Thursday, March 29 - 4 pm

Main Library
60 S. High St. Akron 44326

Thursday, April 26 - 4 pm

Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library
3101 Smith Rd. Akron 44333

Thursday, May 31 - 4 pm

Norton Branch Library
3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd. Norton 44203

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Celebrate National Library Week April 8-14, 2018 with the theme “Libraries Lead.”

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support. From free access to books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining, libraries offer opportunity to all.

Misty Copeland, principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre, serves as the 2018 Honorary Chair.

Special Days during National Library Week

Tuesday, April 10: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Wednesday, April 11: National Bookmobile Day, a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.

National Library Week 60th Anniversary

The 2018 celebration will mark the 60th anniversary of the first event, sponsored in 1958. In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens' organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from “encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time” to “improving incomes and health” and “developing strong and happy family life.”

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme “Wake Up and Read!”

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
is **APRIL 8-14, 2018**

“Discover your passions and
achieve your goals at the library.”
— **MISTY COPELAND**
National Library Week Honorary Chair

LIBRARIES LEAD **LIBRARIES TRANSFORM**

Mark your calendar for

MONEY SMART WEEK

APRIL 21-28, 2018



a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

Presented in cooperation with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the American Library Association.

Saturday, April 21

11 am - 12 pm: Financial Literacy

Kathleen Seminatore, Investigator, Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs, will discuss how to improve your credit score, lower your bills, set up a monthly budget, apply for PIPP and HEAP, avoid scams, and much more. Meeting Room 2AB.

12:15 - 12:45 pm: Financial Empowerment

Angela Lowery, Manager of the Akron Financial Empowerment Center, will explain FREE one-on-one financial coaching services focused on credit score improvement, debt reduction, increased saving and asset building, and banking access. The Financial Empowerment Center is a program of the City of Akron in partnership with United Way of Summit County. Meeting Room 2AB.

11 am - 1 pm: SHRED IT!

Use this free on-site paper shredding event to purge financial clutter and other documents and help deter identity theft. Outside Main Library on High Street. Limit: 10 copy paper size boxes or 10 kitchen size trash bags. Sponsored by Brouse McDowell, LPA.

1 - 2 pm: Helpful Assistance from EANDC

Speaker Holly Calhoun from East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation will speak about possible assistance available for housing, appliances, energy services and even some free things. Meeting Room 2AB.

Tuesday, April 24

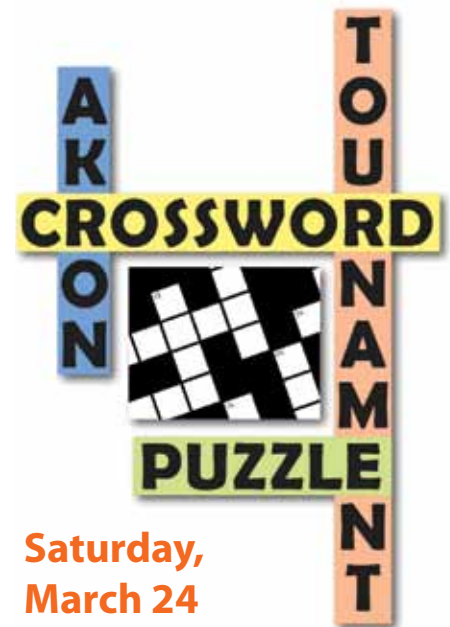
1 - 2 pm: Social Security Benefits

Robert Fenn II, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration, will answer the following questions: What is the quickest way to file benefits? Can you work and still receive benefits? Do you have to file for Medicare? What age can you file? Can you file on a previous spouse's record? Meeting Room 2AB.

3 - 4:30 pm: Protect Yourself Online

Terry Supancic of AARP will discuss AARP's Fraud Watch Network. Discover what you should never do on public WiFi, how, why and when to get a security freeze on your credit file, and other tips for protecting yourself from fraud and scams in the cyber world. Meeting Room 2AB.

No registration necessary. For more information contact the Business and Government Division at 330-643-9020 or bgdiv@akronlibrary.org.



Saturday,
March 24

1-4 pm

Main Library

Meeting Room 2AB

Door opens at Noon.
Compete to complete in the 9th Annual Akron Crossword Puzzle Tournament! All levels of crossword enthusiasts are encouraged to participate. Adults ages 18 and over. Email cadiv@akronlibrary.org or call 330-643-9015 to register.



Saturday, April 28

Main Library

Auditorium

You won't believe your eyes!
You won't believe your ears! Enjoy performances and visual arts by musicians, dancers, singers, and artists in grades 4 through 12. Applications are due by March 10, 2018. Call the Teen Department for more information at 330-643-9067.



Welcome to the library family, Springfield-Lakemore Branch!

The new Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library officially opened Monday, February 19 in the Tri-County Plaza in the Village of Lakemore.



Left to right, David Jennings, Library Director; Mayor Rick Justice, Village of Lakemore; Ray Weber, President, Library Board of Trustees; Bernie Rochford, Library Board Member; John Frola, Library Board Member; Karla Shackelford; Dean Young, Springfield Township trustee; Jim Casey, Library Board Member; Paula Prentice, Summit County Council, District 8; Melani Fragge, Springfield-Lakemore Branch Manager

Hundreds of people from near and far eagerly previewed the new branch library Saturday, February 17 during a ribbon-cutting ceremony and community reception. Elected officials and library trustees gave remarks during the ceremony.

"This community has been asking for this for a long time," retired library Director David Jennings said. "We believe this is going to do well."

At approximately 4500 sq. ft., the satellite branch houses a collection of books, magazines, audio and video, 12 public PCs, free Wi-Fi, toys for children, and a community meeting room. Services include programs for adults, teens, and children, computer training, book

discussion groups, and early childhood programs. Melani Fragge is the Branch Manager. Jackie Goddard is the Youth Librarian. The Public Service Assistants are LaMonica Street, Barb Seibert and Jessica James. The staff will also include Student Assistants.

The Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library is located at 1500 Canton Road. The phone number is 330-643-4770.

The branch library is open from noon to 8 pm Monday, 10 am to 8 pm Tuesday, noon to 6 pm Wednesday, noon to 8 pm Thursday, noon to 6 pm Friday and 10 am to 5 pm Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.



Akron Art Museum and Library collaboration lets cardholders check out original works of art

You don't have to be a jet-setting billionaire to live with original works of art in your own house. In Summit County, all you need is an Akron-Summit County Public Library card. On March 1, the Akron Art Museum launched the Akron Art Library, a new collaboration with the Akron-Summit County Public Library that allows anyone with a library card to check out original artworks to display in their home.

"The Akron Art Library takes the idea behind Inside|Out to the next level," said Akron Art Museum Director of Education Alison Caplan. "While Inside|Out placed reproductions of artwork from the Akron Art Museum collection in neighborhoods, Akron Art Library puts original works of art that people choose and check out directly into their homes. We want to give people the opportunity to bring art by artists whose work is traditionally shown in museums and galleries into their own homes, to share with family and friends, and live with among their own furniture, decorations and living spaces," she added.

Library Interim Director Pam Hickson-Stevenson said, "The Library and the museum have been strong collaborative partners in the past. The Akron Art Library project is yet another example of how the two organizations join forces for the benefit of the community we serve."

Any Summit County resident with an Akron-Summit County Public Library card is eligible to participate in the Akron Art Library. The program lets patrons check out original works of art by regional, national and international artists with their library card, just as they would a book. The art library team at the Akron Art Museum researched and purchased artwork for the collection from artists, contributing to the local arts economy. While the works in the art library collection are not available for purchase, artist contact information will be included with the artworks should library patrons wish to inquire about buying art from their favorite artists.

Works available in the Akron Art Library were catalogued by the Library's librarians and are searchable using the library's online database at AkronLibrary.org. The artworks will be on view at Main Library across from the reference desk in the Culture & AV department on the second floor in a display system created by Akron artist and fabricator, Dominic Falcione of Krunchworks. Work will be available for four-week check-out periods, with up to five renewals if it has not been requested by another library patron.

Artists whose work has been included in the first iteration of the art library include Butch Anthony, Melissa Markwald, Micah Kraus, Natalie Lanese, Angelo Merendino, Kadir Nelson, Mark Mothersbaugh, Jenny Schmid, John Sokol, Shane Wynn and many others. Micah Kraus used the Library's TechZone laser engraver to create his artwork.

The Akron Art Library is organized by the Akron Art Museum and presented in partnership with the Akron-Summit County Public Library. It was funded in part by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation as part of its Knight Arts Challenge along with support from GAR Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, and the Lehner Family Foundation. Additional support was provided by members of the philanthropic community.



La Grange,
Timothy
Callaghan

Untitled Collage,
Christine
Paringer



Thumbs Up,
Andrew Thomas
Lopez

Vino,
Maria Zanetta



Mood Indigo,
Kadir Nelson



Library Closings

Sunday, April 1
- Easter Sunday

Monday, May 28
- Memorial Day

Branch Hours

Monday: 10 am - 8 pm

Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm

Friday: 12 pm - 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

**Springfield-Lakemore
Branch Hours:**

[http://www.akronlibrary.org/
locations/springfield-lakemore](http://www.akronlibrary.org/locations/springfield-lakemore)

Sunday: CLOSED

Main Library Hours

Monday: 10 am - 8 pm

Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm

Friday: 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Drive-Up Window closes ten minutes before the building closes for the day

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- My address is incorrect
- I received more than one copy
- I no longer wish to receive *ShelfLife*

Please clip your label and mail it to us, noting your request or e-mail to shelflife@akronlibrary.org

Our esteemed Library Director David Jennings retired February 28 after nearly 37 years of stellar service. He served as director for 14 years.

We are grateful for his passion, dedication and commitment to our library system, and for his leadership in the Akron and Summit County communities.

Thank you, David, and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement!



David Jennings, left, and Akron Mayor Daniel Horrigan.

Deputy Director Pam Hickson-Stevenson has been named Interim Director, effective March 1.

