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## April 2026 Newsletter

**Hours:**  
 Monday - Thursday, 9-8  
 Friday - Saturday, 9-5  
 Sunday - Closed



### New Research Shows Ohioans Strongly Value Local Library Services — and Support Local Funding that Keeps Them Strong

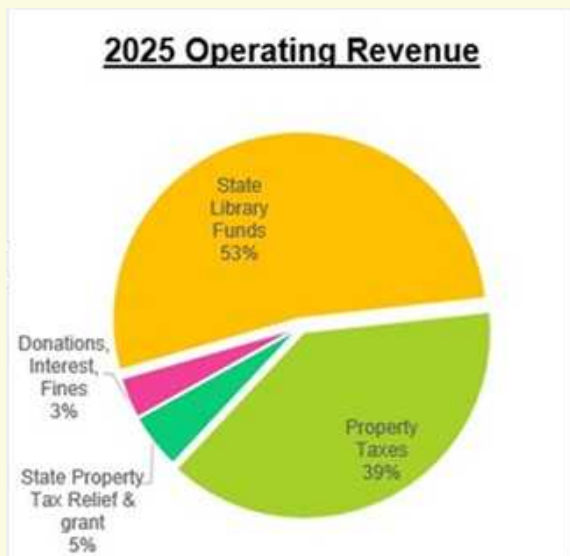
New statewide research shows overwhelming bipartisan support for Ohio’s public libraries and township governments, with voters saying these services are essential to everyday life. The January 2026 survey of Ohio voters finds that libraries and townships rank among the most trusted and highest-valued public services in the state.

**According to the research:**

- 90%** of Ohioans say public libraries are important to their local community, and rank among the highest rated local services
- 69%** recall a specific time their library helped them personally
- 87%** say they get their money’s worth from library services for the taxes they pay
- 71%** believe libraries provide many of the most basic services people rely on every day

**Source:** Ohio Library Council website 2/24/26

#### How is the Canal Fulton Public Library Funded?



#### Where Do Things Stand Currently?

- As of July 1, 2025, Ohio's funding for public libraries, the Public Library Fund (PLF), was made a line item in the state's biennial budget when it was previously 1.7% of the state's General Revenue Fund.
- The state budget included other state agencies and entities to be funded from the PLF, further reducing the amount of funding to be distributed to public libraries.
- CFPL's year-to-date PLF receipts for the state's fiscal year are down 4.8% from this point in the prior fiscal year.
- Because of this reduction in our state funding, we have had to strategically reduce our budgets for some materials, programming, databases, and even some contracted services such as recycling.

# APRIL KIDS' KORNER

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS; PLEASE CALL US AT 330-854-4148 OR GO ONLINE AT [WWW.CANALFULTONLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.CANALFULTONLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS)



## SPRING STORYTIMES

**Tots and Tales | Ages birth-2 | Every Tues. & Thurs., January 6-April 30 | 10-10:20 a.m.**  
Children, accompanied by an adult, will enjoy books, songs, active rhymes, lap bounces and group play during these storytime sessions!

**Feed Me a Story | Ages 3-5 | Every Wed., January 7-April 29 | 11-11:30 a.m.**  
Children, accompanied by an adult, will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and more during these storytime sessions!



## SCHOOL AGE

**Cricut & Craft: Carrot Candy Boxes | Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 2 | 6-6:45 p.m.**  
Get creative this Easter at our Cricut & Create program! Kids will make and fill carrot candy boxes using the Cricut machine and craft supplies.

**Butter Making | Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 9 | 6-6:45 p.m.**  
With a little bit of muscle, you can transform heavy whipping cream into butter!

**Let's Get Puzzled | Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 16 | 6-6:45 p.m.**  
Kids can team up to tackle jigsaw puzzles of all shapes and sizes while building problem-solving skills and having fun. It's the perfect way to piece together a great time!

**Kids' Pokémon Club: Battle Academy Edition | Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 23 | 6-6:45 p.m.**  
Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Bring your cards to the library for a fun and friendly meet-up where kids can chat, and show off their collections. Together, we'll be learning how to play Pokémon: The Card Game!

**Game On! Let's Learn Queah | Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 30 | 6-6:45 p.m.**  
Join us for a fun and friendly introduction to Queah, a traditional board game from Liberia. Kids will learn the rules, practice playing together, and enjoy discovering a game from another culture through play.

## FAMILY



**Gardening Fun | Ages 3-12 | Tuesday, April 7 | 6-7 p.m.**  
Come and craft in our library garden to welcome spring. All materials will be provided.

**Family Art Night: Spring Is In the Air | Families with children ages 3-12 | Friday, April 24 | 5-6 p.m.**  
Bring the family to create three different spring crafts together! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Family Story Night: Dance Party | Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, April 29 | 6-7 p.m.**  
Come enjoy an evening of kid-friendly stories about dancing, songs, games and crafts. Snacks will be included. Come ready with your best dance moves!





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## **Kindermusik.**

**Tuesday, May 5th, 19th, and 26th | Ages 0-2 at 10 a.m | Ages 3-5 at 11 a.m.**

Kindermusik is a playful, music and movement program for children, where grown-ups join in the fun! Each class includes singing, dancing, instrument play, and storytime designed to boost brain development, social skills, and early music foundations.

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## **KINDERGARTEN CLUB**

**AUGUST 20, 2025-MAY 29, 2026**

READ 100 BOOKS!

PARTICIPATION IS EASY! COMPLETE THE K-LIST OF BOOKS & TASKS. RETURN THE COMPLETED LIST TO THE LIBRARY. EARN A CHANCE TO WIN A BOOKS-A-MILLION GIFT CARD!

## **TRAVEL LOANS**

**Need entertainment for the kids during a road trip? We can help with that!**

**Call or stop by the Children's Department to fill out a request sheet and we will gather all materials, check them out, and have them ready for you to pickup before your trip!**

## **ASK A LIBRARIAN**

**WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE FICTIONAL CHARACTER FROM A CHILDREN'S BOOK?**

**MISS AMY: CHARLOTTE FROM CHARLOTTE'S WEB**

**MISS BRITTANY: ARTHUR READ!**

**MISS JENN: ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE - YOU CAN'T SPLIT THEM UP!**

# Adult Programs

## What's Happening in April

### Tech Tuesdays

Every Tuesday in April  
Registration is Required

This program is made possible in part by the  
Institute of Museum and Library Services and  
the State Library of Ohio.

### Music Jam Session

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 PM

### Color My World: An Introduction to Crystals & Chakras

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

### Friends Count: Needlecraft

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM  
Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM

### Movied by History: Lincoln

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

### "They have killed papa dead...": The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Fire Safety with the Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township Fire Departments

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

### Writing Poetry: Building Your Own Poem From Inspiration to Reality with Cat Russell

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

### Third Tuesday Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM

### Beginner's Guide to Excel

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM



### Coming in Early May

### Women in History: Jackie Kennedy Onassis

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM



## Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall

Tuesday  
April 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 PM



Third Tuesday Book Discussion books are  
available in advance at the Circulation Desk!

# Adult Programs

## Writing Poetry:

Building Your Own Poem from Inspiration to Reality with Cat Russell

Have you ever wanted to write poetry but not known where to start? In this workshop, you'll learn how to create original work by using a preexisting poem as a template and learning about poetic form. Materials for inspiration provided!

**Saturday,  
April 18<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 2:30 PM**



### April is National Poetry Month!

Stop by the library throughout the month for fun poetry activities

Check out a poetry book

Attend a poetry program

Paint Chip Poetry - pick up a paint chip card and create a poem using the color descriptions!

Poem in Your Pocket Day - the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> you can pick up a poem to carry with you and share with anyone you like on April 30th, Poem-in-Your-Pocket Day!

## Color My World: An Introduction to Crystals & Chakras

Join local crystal healer and Reiki Master Teacher Joy Calvert for a colorful and engaging introduction to the world of crystals and the chakra system. In this one-hour interactive class, you'll explore the seven chakras (energy centers in the body associated with different colors, emotions, and aspects of well-being) and discover how crystals can be used as supportive tools for balance and awareness.

Participants will learn:

- The basics of the chakra system
- How colors relate to energy and emotional wellness
- Crystals commonly associated with each chakra
- Simple ways to work with crystals in everyday life

This beginner-friendly class includes guided exercises and practical tips to help you connect with your own energy in a fun and approachable way. No prior experience with crystals or energy work is needed. Come curious and leave inspired as we explore how color, energy, and nature's crystals can help bring a little more balance and brightness to your world.



**Monday, April 6th**

**6:00 PM**

**Registration is required**



# TEENS

Canal Fulton Public Library's

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



**TUESDAY,  
APRIL 7TH  
3:30-4:30 PM**

Our new teen advisory board is finally here to help assist in teen services! Registration forms are now available at the Information Desk.

**AGES 13-18**

**Your Voice, Your Teen Services**



## Teens Game Café

**Tuesday,  
April 14th  
3:30-4:30 PM  
Grades 6-12**

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Teens  
**Manga  
Cafe**  
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Teen's  
**Craft  
Cinema**  
TUESDAY,  
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5:00-7:00 PM  
GRADES 6-12  
Enjoy long form crafting  
and a movie to match!

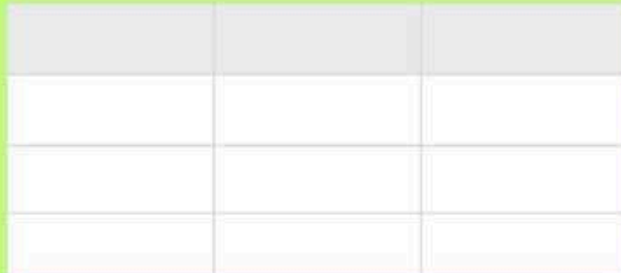
# TECH PROGRAMS

April 2026

## Earth Day Paper Craft

Monday, April 13th

Get ready to celebrate Earth Day by stopping into the Library on April 13<sup>th</sup> to pick up your Earth Day Craft kit! .



## Spreadsheets 101

April 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 7pm

Learn how to organize and track data, using Microsoft Excel and Google Sheets. Please Sign up to attend this program.

Please register at the Information Desk or call by calling (330) 854-4148 ext. 3



## TECH TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come with your questions about your smart phone, tablet, computer, software, Cricut, and more!



Book a 30-minute or 1-hour long session with our tech trainer. Work one-on-one with a person who is able to help guide you in your tech questions. Bring your device along. Be sure to call ahead to book in advance: 330-854-4148.



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# Information Department



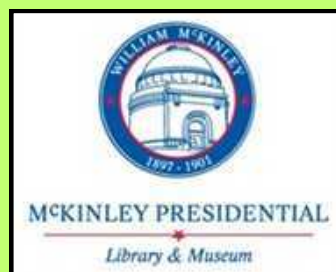
## 50 Book Reading Challenge

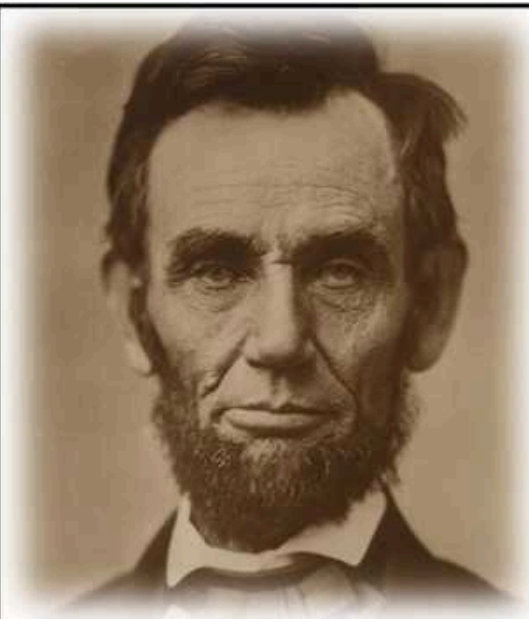
Keep track of the books you read throughout the year and be entered into a special drawing at the end of the year.

Sign up or ask questions at the Information Desk!

## Community Exploration Passes

Did you know that your library card can take you to exciting places in the community? Adults with a Canal Fulton Public Library Card in good standing are eligible to check out our Community Exploration Passes. Passes check out as library materials do and must be returned to the library. Passes have different specifications, contact the library for more information. **Community Exploration Passes to the Akron Children's Museum, the McKinley Museum, and the Akron Zoo are generously provided by the Friends of the Canal Fulton Public Library!**





*"They have killed papa dead...":  
The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*

Historian Carol Zeh will facilitate a discussion/presentation regarding the fateful assassination of President Abraham Lincoln

April 14, 6:00 PM



# Movied by History

at the Canal Fulton Public Library



Every-other month we'll be recognizing our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through films.

Join us this month for an inspiring look at the leader which guided this country through its darkest years:

*Lincoln*

Saturday, April 11th 1:00 PM



## *Women in History: Jackie Kennedy Onassis Monday, May 4th, 4:30 PM*



Join us in honoring Jacqueline Kennedy (Onassis)—wife, mother, and First Lady—as actress/historian Rose Gabriele, from *Women in History*, brings Jackie to life and gives us a glimpse into this complex woman.

*This free program is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Canal Fulton Public Library.*

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Open hours



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★ PUBLIC LIBRARY ★

Annual Report  
2025

84,101

People Visited our Library



42,911

Visits to our Website



8,016

Library  
Cards

56,040



Physical items on  
our shelves

30,585

e-materials  
were  
checked out



218,631

Total Checkouts

30,977

Items loaned  
outside our  
system

25,978

Items  
borrowed  
from outside  
our library

6,505

Reference questions  
were answered



728

Programs  
offered to Children,  
Teens, and Adults  
had

19,464

Total Attendees

Our services  
were provided by

15.05

FTE Staff



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# Friends of the Library

## Book Sale Volunteers Needed

The Annual May Book Sale is right around the corner! We'll begin taking donations of books, CD's, movies, audio books, puzzles and games prior to the sale, so please stay tuned for more details regarding specific drop-off times and dates. In the meantime, volunteers are NEEDED to help run the sale. Whether it be arranging books on tables, running the cash register or helping folks find books, no task or amount of time given is too small. Please stop by the circulation desk to sign up.

## Annual May Book Sale Dates

### Special MEMBER'S ONLY Preview Sale

**Thursday, May 14th**

4pm- 7pm

### Friday, May 15th- Saturday, May 16th

9:30am- 4:30pm

**Sunday, May 17th**

10am- 2pm

Vice President and At Large Positions Remain Open

We are still looking to fill the roles of Vice President and the At Large member. If you are interested in getting more involved in the library and looking for ways to help, this is a wonderful opportunity. The Friends are a committed yet low pressure organization that is always open to new ideas to help support and raise funds for our incredible library. We would love to have you come see what we're all about and possibly fill one of our open positions during our monthly meeting.

Our next monthly meeting will take place Monday, April 20th at 5:45pm in the library's program room.

We hope to see you there!

## Board Meeting

CFPL Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Since there are occasional changes, it is best to confirm the time and day by calling the library at 330-854-4148. All meetings are open to the public. The Canal Fulton Public Library Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the program room.

## Donation Information

Are you interested in making a monetary donation to support the Canal Fulton Public Library? To make a donation electronically, scan this QR code with the camera on your device to go directly to the donation page on our website. This page has easy to-follow steps that will guide you through the process.

Thank you for your support!

