Studies have shown that third grade reading proficiency is the single greatest indicator in determining high school graduation success.

“Felix & Fiona’s Musical Adventure” is one element of an ambitious, collaborative DML project that supports the region’s Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Launched in 2019, the project also includes an original chapter book, an audiobook, and downloadable music. All elements were created with guidance and input from key community partners, including the Montgomery County Educational Services Center and Muse Machine.

“In the past, we staged the musical in front of live audiences full of excited third graders,” said Diane Farrell, Director of External Relations and Development. “Kids had a blast interacting with the actors and becoming part of the show. This year, in light of COVID health guidelines, we’re offering a professionally recorded video version of the musical. After watching the performance, teachers can connect their classrooms to a live, interactive Q&A with the cast and crew.”

“Wonderful program! Students and third grade teachers really enjoyed it. This is a great way to get kids excited about reading.”

Supporting the THIRD GRADE Reading Guarantee

Delivering Felix & Fiona’s Musical Adventure to Schools Virtually
Each third grader receives their own copy of the original book, *The Big Stink and Other Adventures*. (The musical depicts one chapter of the book.) DML also provides a curriculum kit full of crafts, writing assignments, and creative thinking projects to help teachers connect the lessons of Felix and Fiona to the state standards that are required in every third grade classroom. Dayton Public Schools has scheduled several virtual performances in May.

“Our goal is to inspire a love of reading by connecting the written word to art and music,” said Farrell. “This project is designed to overcome barriers that can keep students most in need from engaging in positive arts experiences.”

To learn more about the project and how it fits into a larger DML campaign to support early literacy and learning, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org/felixandfiona](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org/felixandfiona). To inquire about booking the production at your school, call 937.463.2665.

“We will read [the book] aloud and the children will be able to refer to the performance. I think it will also help them look at books differently, now that they have seen one brought to life.”

**MEET YOUR New EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Jeffrey Trzeciak is a native Daytonian who has returned to the Library that launched his career. He first worked for the Dayton Metro Library as a high school student in the 1980s. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton in 1987, and a Masters in Library Science from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1991.

An accomplished administrator, Jeffrey has more than 30 years’ experience in both public and academic libraries. He worked at Wright State University Library, Wayne State University Library (Detroit), McMaster University (Ontario, CA), and Washington University (St. Louis). He served as Director of the Newark Public Library and Director of the Jersey City Free Library, both in New Jersey, before returning to Dayton in March, 2021.

Stay tuned - we’ll have a Q&A with Jeffrey soon!

**USING YOUR LIBRARY**

Please refer to [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org) for updates on library services, policies, programs, and operating hours at our 18 library locations.
Outreach Service has a long, rich history at the Dayton Metro Library. Electra C. Doren started one of the first book wagon services in the nation in 1923, delivering books to factory workers at lunchtime, and to residents in outlying communities. Today, DML’s Outreach Services include the Kids’ Bookmobile, Homebound Delivery, and Lobby Stop Service—all with a mission to take the Library into the community, meeting patrons where they are.

Camee Hart is Outreach Services Manager. “We continued to provide Homebound Delivery during the pandemic, and we saw increased numbers of patrons sign up to participate,” said Hart. “We resumed Lobby Stops in April, and the Bookmobile should hit the road again this summer, serving camps, daycares and summer programs.”

Outreach Services has partnered with Conscious Connect, an organization that works to redevelop underutilized spaces for the purposes of education, culture, health, and peace, to establish Take and Read stations in low to moderate income communities. Library staff keep the stations supplied with books that are free to read, keep, or pass along, many featuring Black, Asian, or Hispanic characters that are often underrepresented in literature.

“We share the goal of turning book deserts into book oases,” said Hart. “There are Take and Read stations in barbershops, hair salons, and other community centers. We’re really excited to work with Conscious Connect to establish a Take and Read station at the new Gem City Market.”

Programs and services for older adults are a key component of Outreach Services. Suzanne Kirchner is the Older Adult Services Librarian. “I’m happy to chat with anyone about their needs, interests, and learning goals,” she said. “We want to help people stay connected.”

Bussert is participating in the Community History Web Archiving Program. Community Webs was launched in 2017 to advance the capacity for public libraries to build archives of web-published sources, documenting local history and underrepresented voices. Participants in the program receive free web archiving and technical support.

“We content is ephemeral,” said Rachael Bussert, DML’s Special Collections archivist. “Changing technology, instability, lack of site maintenance or changes in servers can mean that web content just disappears. On average, web content has a lifespan of just 90 days.”
OUTREACH SERVICES

to family and friends, access information online, borrow digital materials from the Library, and continue a lifetime of learning.”

Outreach Services lends iPads to qualifying Homebound patrons and offers one-on-one instruction, as well as group classes at older adult living communities. Up to 50 new iPads with mobile cell data are being purchased, thanks to funds from an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) CARES Act Grant.

Whether it’s bringing requested materials to an older adult, delighting young children with a visit from the Bookmobile, or making it easier to connect and learn, Outreach Services expands the reach and impact of the Dayton Metro Library.

The Bookmobile visits schools, preschools and daycares, giving young children the opportunity to borrow books and enjoy storytimes and other activities that encourage reading and learning.

Homebound Delivery brings books, movies and music to adults who have difficulty leaving their homes, whether the need is temporary or long term.

Lobby Stop Service sets up temporary browsing shelves in common areas of retirement or senior living communities, so residents can borrow books and other materials.

The first Book Wagon circa 1924. Electra Doren is 4th from the left.

One of the most important things DML’s Special Collections does is preserve the documents of today so they are available for researchers of the future. But how do we preserve “documents” that are digital?

services, education, professional development, and funding to build community history web archives. Bussert’s training will continue into August.

Bussert is especially interested in preserving the web presence of local businesses, arts organizations, festivals, and spontaneous events, especially as so many enhanced their online presence in the past year. Ultimately, DML will contribute to the Community Webs program and provide a link to archived content from our website.

“The Library has been preserving local history since the 19th century,” said Bussert. “Now, in 2021, we are finally able to preserve online documentation of our community and the things that happen here.”

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Good conversations about books are taking place online. Join us via webcam and microphone, or participate by phone. Please register for each upcoming session; registered participants will receive details on how to join the meeting on the day of the event. Register at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Events or call 937.463.2665.

Pub-Lit @ Home
1st Tuesday each month, 7-9 pm
Join fellow book lovers to talk about wonderful, offbeat books.
MAY 4: The Perfect Nanny by Leila Slimani
JUNE 1: Circe by Madeline Miller
Kids Storytime @ HOME

Join us for live, 15-20 minute storytimes, just like in person - except online!

We recommend participating via webcam and microphone, or you can join us by phone. Registered participants will receive details on how to join on the day of the event. Register at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Events or call 937.463.2665.

PRESCHOOL storytime
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 AM
Join us for stories, songs, and other fun learning activities designed to develop the language, literacy, and social skills your preschooler needs for school success. For children ages 3-5.

FAMILY storytime
Wednesdays, 4 PM
Quality family time with books, songs, and fun activities for children of all ages and caregivers to enjoy together.

BABY & TODDLER storytime
Thursdays, 10:30 AM
It’s never too early to grow a child’s love of learning! Nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and stories encourage early literacy skills. For babies and toddlers up to 3 years, with a caregiver.

MORE ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSIONS for Adults

LGBTQIA+ Book Club @ Home
2nd Monday each month, 7-8:30 pm
Read and discuss fiction and nonfiction, featuring LGBTQIA+ characters or themes.
MAY 10: Empress of Salt & Fortune by Nghi Vo
JUNE 14: How We Fight for Our Lives by Saeed Jones

Tea & Mystery @ Home
3rd Thursday each month, 7-8 pm
Dig into a different, compelling mystery novel each month!
MAY 20: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
JUNE 17: He Started It by Samantha Downing

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Among the many amenities in the new and remodeled DML locations is a growing collection of original artwork in the ReImagining Works project. ReImagining Works invites local artists to “reimagine” pieces from the Dayton Art Institute’s permanent collection for new installations in the Libraries. There are now more than 45 original artworks in DML Branches across the county, funded by an anonymous bequest.

“Each of these artists referenced the DAI inspiration works in exceptionally creative ways using a variety of interesting media,” said Jayne Klose, DML Community Engagement Manager. “It’s exciting that so many of these artists are new to the Reimagining Works program.”

The latest commissions are for the new West and Burkhardt Branch Libraries.

West Branch inspiration pieces: Norman Lewis’ Cantata, from 1948, and the 20th century Nwantantay Mask, from the Bwa people of Burkina Faso. Five commissions:

1. Cincinnati artist SUSAN BYRNES, working in collaboration with Dayton choreographer RODNEY VEAL and former DCDC dancer BRIANNA RHODES, will produce a series of five large expressionistic photographs, depicting Veal’s choreography based on the classical composer John Carter’s “Cantata,” with Rhodes performing.

2. Cincinnati artist CEDRIC MICHAEL COX’s acrylic painting will reference the atmospheric elements of the Norman Lewis work, along with some of the architectural features of the new Library.

3. Dayton artist WILLIS “BING” DAVIS and his son, DERRICK DAVIS, are collaborating on an oil pastel piece that interprets both the Bwa mask, with its geometric shapes, and the rhythmic, abstract work of Norman Lewis in Cantata.

4. Dayton artist KEVIN HARRIS’ work, entitled Domain of Do, will be digitally designed and printed on canvas.

5. Dayton artist JAMES PATE’S large oil painting entitled Read and Play will depict a child with outstretched arms, symbolically embracing Dayton’s musical, literary and scientific heritage.

Burkhardt Branch inspiration pieces: Joy of the Waters by Harriet Frishmuth from 1917, Flying Pup King by Yoshitomo Nara from 2000, and Vendedoras De Frutas by Alfredo Martinez from 1937. Four commissions:

1. CARRIE LONGLEY, Brookville, will create a large-scale wall relief entitled A Worm’s Eye View, depicting common woodland flora and fungi.

2. Xenia artist DEBORAH DIXON will create a large wall sculpture in paper, reed, wire and LED lights. Her installation will offer Library patrons an art and science education component.

3. Dayton photographer TRACY LONGLEY-COOK will create 16 cyanotype prints using the lines from unfolded paper airplanes to create the composition. The series relates to Dayton’s aviation heritage from the invention of flight to Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

4. Hamilton-based InsideOut Studio, which advocates for artists with disabilities, will create a painting based on a design by BRETT GARRETT, with the addition of fused glass works created by the community.

ARTISTS: Fill out an Intent to Apply form to receive notice of future Requests for Proposals. Only two Branch projects remain: NORTHMONT and HUBER HEIGHTS! Visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Works for the form and lots more information about ReImagining Works.
BUILDING BRIDGES
A Collaborative Art Project

“There are so many things that create conflict, cause misunderstanding, or divide a community,” artist Leesa Haapapuro says, “but what I hope to depict are things that bridge the divide and bring us together.”

BRIDGES is a collaborative, community art installation guided by Haapapuro, artist-in-residence at the Main Library, May 1 - June 30. The public is invited to contribute to the installation, which will be constructed in the Opportunity Space @ St. Clair. The artist’s workshop/studio hours are 11 am-3 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Materials will be provided for participants to design their own rectangular cut-outs, which will be strung together, rope ladderstyle. Participants may also pick up a project kit at their nearest Branch Library, then return their completed work to be incorporated into the installation.

“I envision swooping, airy, brightly colored filigree bridges intersecting the space” said Haapapuro. “Each individual rung will be unique, but also display unity.”

The collaborative project is made possible by a grant from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District, with support from Culture Works. Stop by to watch the installation evolve, or bring the family and contribute your own ideas of unity.

For more information on the artist, visit Leesahaapapuro.com.

NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY

PLAN NOW TO:
• Schedule a field trip; take a guided tour.
• Bring your civic or social group to the exhibit.
• Engage students in transformative learning.
• Use it as a framework for discussion and action.

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“Undesign the Redline is a visually compelling exhibit that traces the tangled roots of governmental policies to the social issues and inequities we face today. It will ignite important discussions about race, wealth, opportunity and power. Dayton Metro Library is its first local host site.

Undesign the Redline

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LEARN
Transform your community.

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On April 23, ceremonial stakes were driven at the site of the new Burkhardt Branch Library to mark the official start of construction. Work had already begun, however, with the razing of the Columbian Hall which formerly stood at the location. The new 17,800 square foot, $8.7 million Branch will more than double the size of the current building, and is expected to open in spring 2022.

Construction is well underway on the West Branch Library in the Wright-Dunbar neighborhood. This facility will consolidate the current Madden Hills and Westwood Branches into a brand new 24,000 square foot, $11.5 million building, expected to open later this year.

NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY

YOUR LIBRARY

MAIN LIBRARY
215 E. THIRD ST., DAYTON, 45402

BROOKVILLE
120 BLUE PRIDE DR., BROOKVILLE, 45309

BURKHARDT
4680 BURKHARDT AVE., DAYTON, 45431

ELECTRA C DOREN
701 TROY ST., DAYTON, 45404

HUBER HEIGHTS
6160 CHAMBERSBURG RD., HUBER HEIGHTS, 45424

KETTERING-MORAINE
3496 FAR HILLS AVE., KETTERING, 45429

MADDEN HILLS
2542 GERMANTOWN ST., DAYTON, 45417

MIAMI TOWNSHIP
2718 LYONS RD., MIAMISBURG, 45342

MIAMISBURG
545 E. LINDEN AVE., MIAMISBURG, 45342
Dayton Metro Library’s partnership with Children’s Hunger Alliance continues through the summer, with free, shelf-stable meal pickup available at all DML Branches. Each week from May through August, parents are invited to pick up free, shelf-stable meals for each child at the Branch Library nearest them. Pickup times are 4:30-5:30 pm at all locations. No registration is needed.

More than 232,600 meals were distributed at our Libraries from March through December, 2020; volunteers gave over 2,000 hours of service to the program.

“This is one of the unexpected ways the Library has been able to step up and help connect families to the resources they need,” said Mandie Burns, Director of Youth Services. “It’s a key part of our mission to leverage partnerships like this one to help reach community-wide goals, build equity, increase access, and connect patrons to the support systems they need.”
You can **RESERVE NEW BOOKS** for yourself – even if they aren’t on Library shelves yet. New titles are added to the catalog as soon as they are **ON ORDER**. At that point, you can place a **RESERVE**, which means a copy will be held for you as soon as it’s available. You’ll need your Library card number and **PIN** to place a **RESERVE**, and you can specify which Library location you prefer for pickup. When your book is ready for you, you’ll receive an email, text, or phone message letting you know.

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