A little extra time, guidance, and adult support can make a big difference to a child struggling with homework. DML’s ROCK YOUR HOMEWORK program provides all three. RYH pairs students with trained volunteers who can

• Review assignments
• Provide constructive feedback
• Suggest effective study skills
• Guide students to resources and expertise

Both Library volunteers and AmeriCorps Service Members staff the ROCK YOUR HOMEWORK program, currently offered at the Northwest, Madden Hills, Burkhardt, Huber Heights and Trotwood Branch Libraries. The majority of students who participate are between 7 and 12 years old, but all ages are welcome, including high school and GED prep students.

From September 2018 to March 2019, there were more than 1,000 individual help sessions at the Madden Hills and Northwest Branch Libraries combined. The need for more volunteers is great.

Ethel Harris was a volunteer Computer Assistant at the Northwest Branch when she was encouraged to help students in the busy RYH room. She’s now a regular RYH volunteer, and urges others to join.

“You don’t have to know everything,” Harris said. “You have resources. You just have to be willing to guide a student to the information they need. And it’s so rewarding – I love it.”

Daria Dillard Stone is DML’s Parent Engagement Liaison for the program, and she’s a powerful advocate for its services. She’s seen the benefits first-hand.

“We had a 5th grade student who went from failing multiple classes to excelling beyond expectations,” Stone said.

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“He managed to pull his grades up from Fs to two As, one B, and one C. This is amazing news for ROCK YOUR HOMEWORK, because it truly shows our worth as a program!”

Stone works to connect with parents and caregivers as well as their children. She shared a story about a grandfather who was overwhelmed with the responsibility of caring for his four young grandchildren.

“I was able to tap into community resources for food, clothing and school supplies they needed,” said Stone, whose previous experience includes working with Dayton Public Schools. The gentleman later told Stone, “Those kids came a long way while in ROCK YOUR HOMEWORK. I don’t know what I would have done without the help.”

Students are limited to a 30-minute session if there are others waiting, and Stone hates to turn anyone away. She is dedicated to helping people, and has been known to stay after hours to meet with students when they call ahead.

“Parents and children need to know that they’ll get the attention and assistance they need when they show up for our program,” Stone said.

“Serving at Madden Hills has shown me that it’s about quality and not quantity. I have a student that comes in on a consistent basis and seeing her thrive has made me feel so proud. Witnessing her grades, especially in math, go up since we started has been a great motivator for me to continue serving. Being a part of her life, even though it’s a small percentage, still matters.”

– Hind Salih, AmeriCorps Rock Your Homework Service Member

If you have time to give and a passion for helping students succeed, consider becoming a ROCK YOUR HOMEWORK volunteer. For more information, call 937.463.2665 or email AAarrington@DaytonMetroLibrary.org.
Creating a Strategic Plan

For any organization, strategic planning provides a meaningful sense of direction and measurable goals to keep the organization on track. DML is finalizing an intensive strategic planning process, which involved participation from more than 130 individuals – staff, administrators, community stakeholders, and our Board of Directors – as well as valuable input we received from YOU, our Library users.

“When we conducted a poll last year, we were pleased to learn that three-fourths of respondents thought the Library would be even more important over the next five years,” said Tim Kambitsch, Executive Director. “The 2020-2025 Strategic Plan will serve as a roadmap to deliver on that expectation.”

These five goals are the foundation for FOCUSED FOR IMPACT: 2020-2025:

1. **Empower the community’s quality of life through core services**: digital and print collections, technology, programs, outreach, quality spaces, and services for children and adults.
2. **Expand youth horizons for learning** in alignment with regional educational goals.
3. **Build equity in the community** through a culture of inclusion, equitable access to resources, and diversity of Library resources and partnerships.
4. **Extend our impact through relationships, engagement and communication** by connecting the community to the Library through relationships, our affinity groups, and strategic partnerships.
5. **Strengthen our human, physical, and financial assets** to meet current community needs and position the Library for the future.

For full plan details, including specific strategies and methods of measuring success, see **Focused for Impact: 2020-2025** at [DAYTONMETROLIBRARY.ORG](http://DAYTONMETROLIBRARY.ORG).

Our core values:
Access; Literacy and Learning; Community Focus; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Integrity and Service.

In planning for 2020-2025, we asked what’s most important to you, our Library users. These **three priorities** came through loud and clear:

1. Keep up-to-date with bestselling materials and new releases.
2. Help underserved youth and adults succeed.
3. Communicate and keep us informed.

**WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU**

**COMMUNITY SURVEY**

**USING YOUR LIBRARY**
ATLAS OF DAYTON
Interactive digital maps explore issues around income inequality, racial segregation, and access to resources in Dayton. This travelling exhibit is presented in partnership with MVRPC and sponsored by UD’s College of Arts & Sciences.
March at SOUTHEAST Opportunity Space
April at VANDALIA Opportunity Space

CHINESE HISTORY AND CULTURE
Celebrate and share Chinese culture by trying your hand at paper cutting, painting, martial arts and language.
March at WILMINGTON-STROOP Opportunity Space

ART & SOUL 2020
Art and Soul is a juried art exhibit celebrating the talent and creativity of artists with intellectual/developmental disabilities across Ohio. 45 pieces are selected annually to participate in the exhibit, and all are available for purchase. Sponsored by Toward Independence and Partners for Community Living.
April at MAIN LIBRARY Opportunity Space @ Patterson

PATTERNS OF US: CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW
Carroll High School senior art students display their artwork to the public and invite the community to contribute to a large-scaled collaborative art piece exploring the element of “patterns.”
April at WILMINGTON-STROOP Opportunity Space

WE CAN PAINT TOO
An exhibit of works by senior citizens in the City of Dayton Northwest Center Senior Programs. The class focuses on color principles, form and space in media including charcoal, watercolor, oil painting, collage, scratch art, clay and silk screen.
April at NORTHEAST Opportunity Space

AN INCLUSIVE COLLECTION
Dayton Metro Library has recently added more than 100 Hi/Lo Books for adults and children with developmental disabilities, purchased with a grant from the Disability Foundation. The term Hi/Lo refers to books that have more complex themes or mature subjects, written at accessible reading levels. The collection also includes children’s books about disabilities. Some titles are offered in quantity for community-based book clubs and discussions, creating opportunities for greater inclusion and interaction among readers of all ability levels. Find the collection by using the term high interest-low vocabulary as a Genre search in DML’s online catalog.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ACTIVITIES, VISIT OUR ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR

CAN’T FIND IT? BORROW IT FROM OTHER LIBRARIES!
If you can’t find an item in Dayton Metro Library’s catalog, you’ll automatically be given the option to try using SearchOhio to find it elsewhere. SearchOhio gives you access to the collections of public libraries across the state. If the item you want is located in another library’s collection, you can request that it be delivered to the DML Branch of your choice for pickup. It’s simple, and it’s free! Look for the SearchOhio logo whenever an item you want is not found in our collection.
FOLKTALES FOR WEE ONES
Join storyteller Omopé Carter Daboiku as she shares tales from around the world that support socio-emotional learning, like the value of saying please and thank you, respecting elders, and being honest. Children will enjoy body music, repeating refrains, and predicting outcomes. An OAC master teaching artist since 1990, Ms. Daboiku is VP of the Ohio Storytelling Network. For ages 3-5.
WED, 3/11 | 10-11 AM | MIAMISBURG
THUR, 3/12 | 1-1:40 PM | HUBER HEIGHTS
WED, 4/15 | 10:30-11:10 AM | MADDEN HILLS

Dayton artist Delora Buford-Buchanan can make something out of nothing! She weaves creative tales using paper bags and other household items; she’ll show children how to create fanciful figures too. Recommended for grades 1-5.
TUE, 3/10 | 3:30-4:30 PM | WEST CARROLLTON
WED, 3/18 | 4-5 PM | ELECTRA C DOREN
THUR, 3/26 | 6:30-7:30 PM | NORTHMONT
TUE, 3/31 | 7-8 PM | BROOKVILLE
WED, 4/1 | 4-5 PM | BURKHARDT
SAT, 4/4 | 3-4 PM | WILMINGTON-STROOP
TUE, 4/21 | 4-5 PM | WESTWOOD

ZUMBINI*
Babies and toddlers – grab your grownup and have a blast at this interactive music and movement program! Featuring songs, dance, and instruments for little ones and caregivers together. Caregiver participation is required; limit of 10 children, age 4 and under.
THUR, 3/12 | 10-10:45 AM | MAIN LIBRARY
THUR, 4/9 | 9:45-10:30 AM | BURKHARDT
MON, 4/20 | 11-11:45 AM | MIAMISBURG
MON, 4/20 | 6:30-7:15 PM | NORTHMONT
TUE, 4/21 | 4-5 PM | WESTWOOD

*PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE. Call 937.463.2665 or find this program at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Events.
Kids love being read to. While nothing is better than the comfort of having a favorite person read aloud to them, listening to Read-Along books is great fun too!

**Wonderbooks** are Read-Along books with an integrated audio component – no CD player required! The audio can be heard through a speaker on the book, or by connecting headphones to it. The **Wonderbook** collection includes picture books, chapter books, nonfiction, and Spanish titles for children ages 3-13. An optional Learning Mode is a narrator-led Q&A session that promotes reading comprehension, and also shows parents how to engage in deeper conversation with their children about the books they share.

200 new **Wonderbooks** have recently been added to the Library’s shelves. The collection includes classics like *Corduroy*, *Amelia Bedelia*, and *The Little Engine That Could*, as well as contemporary favorites such as *Fancy Nancy*, *Toot & Puddle*, and *Skippyjon Jones*. Look for **Wonderbooks** at your Library, shelved with other Read-Alongs.

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**SAFE ON SATURDAY**

This event kicks off April as *Month of the Young Child* with lots of activities, music, storytelling, and a variety of hands-on health and safety activities for children. **Five Rivers Metro Parks Naturalist Chris Rowland** entertains with his puppets and music, while area agencies provide useful information for parents and teachers.

**SAT, 3/21 | 11 AM-2 PM**
**MAIN LIBRARY EICHELBERGER FORUM**

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**KNOW THEATRE OF CINCINNATI presents:**

**Dragon Up**

Oro the dragon just turned 12 and is struggling to learn how to breathe fire. Now he finds himself in charge of guarding the Great Dragon Treasure – but the Scary Teacher Monster steals it! Will Oro and Meetra find it? Will they learn how to express their emotions and resolve conflict in a healthy way? This lively performance is intended for grades 4 and younger and their families.

**SAT, 4/18 | 10-11 AM | MIAMISBURG**
**SAT, 4/18 | 1:30-2:15 PM**
**MAIN LIBRARY BASSANI THEATER**
**SAT, 4/18 | 3-3:45 PM**
**MAIN LIBRARY BASSANI THEATER**

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**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ACTIVITIES, VISIT OUR ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR**
POETRY SLAM
Rhyme it up at the Wilmington Stroop Branch – it’s a Teen Poetry Slam! Bring your poem, perform it, and you could win a trophy! Not a poet? No problem, come cheer on the poets who are competing. Grades 7-12.
SAT, 3/21 | 1-4 PM | WILMINGTON-STROOP

FANDOMFEST LOCK-IN*
Are you a fan of Harry Potter, Marvel, DC, Anime, K-Pop, Stranger Things, or Star Wars? Whatever you geek out about, celebrate it with us when we take over the West Carrollton Branch Library after closing time! Grades 7-12. Parental permission slip is required, but can be turned in at the door.
SAT, 4/18 | 7-11 PM | WEST CARROLLTON

TEEN SYSTEM-WIDE ADVISORY BOARD
We want teen input from all across Montgomery County! Help guide teen programming, services and resources at all DML locations. Your attendance counts toward volunteer hours. Grades 7-12.
SAT, 3/14, 4/11 | 12-2 PM
MAIN LIBRARY BASSANI THEATER

TEEN DIY: SPARK YOUR CREATIVITY!
Feeling crafty, creative, artsy or inventive? Do you like writing, drawing, button making, or perler beading? Spark your creativity with Teen DIY programs! Just bring your imagination – we’ve got all the supplies you need.

CHOPPED COOKING COMPETITION*
Use surprise ingredients and try to make the best dish! This team challenge is presented by Dayton Children’s Hospital. Grades 7-12.
TUE, 3/24 | 2:30-4:30 PM | MADDEN HILLS
TUE, 3/31 | 6-8 PM | MIAMISBURG
TUE, 4/7 | 2:30-4:30 PM | WESTWOOD
THUR, 4/16 | 4-6 PM | TROTWOOD

Y2Y Pulse EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP
Help us create a powerful PSA video! Teens encourage other teens to live free of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by designing and implementing prevention projects in their schools and communities. It’s programming by youth, for youth!
WED, 3/11 | 3-5 PM | WEST CARROLLTON
THUR, 3/19 | 4-6 PM | BURKHARDT

POETRY CONTEST
Teens, submit your entry April 1-30. You could win an Amazon Gift Card! See the details on page 11, or go online at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Poetry.

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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.
PLANNING YOUR GARDEN
Now’s the time to plan your garden! These basic principles will help you have a successful vegetable or flower garden this summer.

TUE, 3/3 | 6:30-7:30 PM | MAIN LIBRARY
THUR, 3/12 | 6:30-7:30 PM | NORTHWEST
SAT, 3/14 | 10-11 AM | BROOKVILLE
SAT, 3/14 | 2-3 PM | VANDALIA
MON, 3/16 | 2-3 PM | NORTHMONT
MON, 3/16 | 7-8 PM | HUBER HEIGHTS
SAT, 3/21 | 2-3 PM | MIAMI TOWNSHIP
TUE, 3/24 | 7-8 PM | WEST CARROLLTON
THUR, 3/26 | 6:30-7:30 PM | MIAMISBURG
MON, 4/6 | 6-7 PM | SOUTHEAST
SAT, 4/11 | 2-3 PM | WILMINGTON-STROOP
MON, 4/13 | 7-8 PM | HUBER HEIGHTS
TUE, 4/21 | 7-8 PM | BROOKVILLE

SEED STARTING BASICS
Learn when, why and how to start seeds this spring.
SAT, 3/21 | 10-11 AM
WEST CARROLLTON
MON, 3/23 | 6:30-7:30 PM
WILMINGTON-STROOP
FRI, 4/10 | 11 AM-12 PM | MIAMISBURG
MON, 4/13 | 7-8 PM | HUBER HEIGHTS
TUE, 4/21 | 7-8 PM | BROOKVILLE

START FLEXING YOUR GREEN THUMB
These programs from The Ohio State University Extension Office will inspire the gardener in you – just in time for spring!

OSU EXTENSION FOOD & NUTRITION CLASSES*
Learn how to make wise decisions regarding nutrition, stretching your food dollar, increasing your physical activities, and food safety to benefit the whole family.
TUESDAYS, 3/3-4/28 | 6-7:30 PM NORTHWEST

KITCHEN ORGANIZING & MEAL PLANNING
Professional organizer Tami Doling helps you organize your fridge, freezer and pantry, create meal plans for the week and make cooking fun!
THUR, 4/9 | 7-8 PM | WEST CARROLLTON
MON, 4/13 | 6-7PM | VANDALIA

WHAT’S COOKING

Dorothy Lane: A TRAVELOGUE
Original Play Explores the Health of a Community
It’s Dayton, Ohio, in 2008. The GM plant has closed, the city is in recession, and a mental health therapist visits her clients along a major thoroughfare in the city. Playwright and performer Louise Smith, Associate Professor of Performance at Antioch College, wrote Dorothy Lane: A Travelogue, inspired by her years as a therapist for clients living with schizophrenia. Smith received an Ohio Arts Council playwriting fellowship to work on this play.
THUR, 4/2 | 6:30-8 PM | MAIN LIBRARY BASSANI THEATER
SAT, 4/4 | 3-4:30 PM | MAIN LIBRARY BASSANI THEATER

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Movies
SUNDAYS | 1:30 PM
MAIN LIBRARY EICHELBERGER FORUM

Poetry Contest
Submit Your Entry April 1-30

WHO CAN ENTER?
Anyone residing in Montgomery and surrounding counties (Miami, Greene, Warren, Preble) in these age categories:
- Adult (age 18-59)
- Older Adult (age 60+)
- Teen (Grades 7-12)
- Two Junior Categories: (Grades 3-4 & Grades 5-6)

JUDGING: Judges are from Mock Turtle Zine, a literary and arts magazine dedicated to supporting Miami Valley creatives. Poems will be judged on originality, creativity, impact and adherence to contest rules.

PRIZES: Winners receive Amazon gift cards, plus all the First Place winners will be published in Mock Turtle Zine!

Get all the contest and prize details online at DAYTONMETROLIBRARY.ORG/POETRY

3D Printing Maker Day
Adults, teens and families are encouraged to explore and create at this Maker Day event. See our 3D printers in action and learn about real-world applications for 3D printing – including tools, engineering, prosthetics, household and practical uses. Print your own design while you’re here. 3D printing is only part of the Maker Movement, though. Try your hand at electronics, creative research & design, engineering & architecture, robotics, and lots more!
SAT, 4/25 | 10 AM-4 PM | SOUTHEAST

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YOUR NEW TROTWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY
855 E. MAIN ST., TROTWOOD, OH 45426

Grand Opening
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 | 3-6 PM
Refreshments • Music by Trotwood High School Band Members
Meet the ReImagining Works Artists

Features include:
• Flexible Community Room (accessible before and after regular operating hours), with professional grade sound system and ceiling-mounted projector.
• Two 4-person Quads, a 6-person Group Study Room, and a 10-person Conference Room, each with monitors
• A Quiet Reading Room with cozy fireplace
• An outdoor patio
• “Celebrations” themed Children’s area
• TeenEDGE with PS4 gaming system
• Mobile audio equipment and editing software
• AWE computer stations for early literacy development
• Numerous public computers and industrial grade WiFi
• A Laptop Lending machine
• Four original art installations in the ReImagining Works project
• Special art piece utilizing clay from the Library grounds
• A Nature Play Area, using local trees downed by the Memorial Day tornadoes
• A re-created Trotwood Trailer

REGULAR HOURS RESUME SAT, MARCH 14
MON, TUE, THUR | 9:30 AM-8:30 PM
WED, FRI, SAT | 9:30 AM-6 PM
DAYTON METRO LIBRARY
937.463.2665