WE'RE PLANTING SEEDS FOR A PROMISING FUTURE!
Looking Toward the Future with a Bold New Plan

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Front Cover: In October 2020, the community gathered to toss seeds at the groundbreaking for the exciting new West Branch Library, which will be a prominent feature of Dayton’s Wright-Dunbar Historic area. The Grand Opening is expected in late 2021.
With state-of-the-art facilities and this Strategic Plan as our roadmap, we are eager to realize our vision for a vibrant Library that sparks a thriving community. Learn more at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/about-us/strategic-plan.
Thanks to CARES Act funding and a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Library is helping to bridge the digital divide with Get Connected! This exciting initiative provides four months of FREE home internet access to 800 local households in need.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
Dayton Metro Library is the initial account holder of record, and will cover the cost of Spectrum equipment and broadband service at a low rate. After four months, participants may choose to transfer the service into their own name or they may return the equipment and let the service end.

“Because Dayton Metro Library is the account holder, this program can benefit someone who has been locked out of internet service due to bad credit or past due bills,” said Megan Cooper, DML Development Manager. “After four months, they may choose to continue the service in their own name, ensuring their internet service remains as affordable as possible.”

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM?
- Applicant must be age 18 or older and have a Dayton Metro Library card (or eCard).
- Applicant must live in both the DML and Spectrum service areas.
- Applicant must not already be a current Spectrum internet customer.

Get Connected supports the Library’s commitment to building equity in the community. Applications will be accepted January 5 through February 27, 2021, or until the 800 household maximum is reached. Complete an application at any branch of the Dayton Metro Library.

For more information, call the Library’s Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665 or visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/GetConnected.
CLEANER Air IN YOUR LIBRARIES

We’ll all breathe easier when COVID-19 is in the past, or controlled with a vaccine. In the meantime, DML is installing needlepoint bipolar ionization (NPBI) technology to improve the quality of the air in all our facilities.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
NPBI cleans indoor air with a high concentration of positive and negative ions delivered through existing HVAC systems. The ions form bonds with particles in the air through a process called agglomeration. Pollutants, dust, dander, pollen, smoke and pathogens such as mold, bacteria and viruses in the air begin to cluster. Larger clusters of particles are easier for the HVAC system to safely filter out.

Additionally, when ions come in contact with pathogens, they disrupt the pathogens’ surface proteins, rendering them inactive. This process is proven by independent laboratory testing to be both safe and effective, delivering clean indoor air without producing ozone or other harmful byproducts.

“This technology will benefit Library patrons and staff long after COVID is a thing of the past,” said Angela Peterson, DML’s Facilities Manager. “It is also transferable, so it will be removed from our vintage branches (Burkhardt, Madden Hills, Westwood, Northmont and Huber Heights) and installed in the new buildings when they are constructed.”

This NPBI technology is made possible at all DML locations through CARES Act funding.
Does your child need a break from screen time? How about a story to occupy your child in the car, on the bus, or waiting in line?

Try Dial-a-Story from the Dayton Metro Library! Each month, three new, recorded stories are available for young children to listen to by phone, any time of day or night.

“Dial-a-Story has an almost retro appeal right now,” said DML’s Programming Manager Julie Buchanan. “Today’s technology means children get an awful lot of visual stimulation, and sometimes it’s just too much. Dial-a-Story lets children imagine characters and actions however they choose.”

Parents, have your child listen to one of the stories, then re-tell it to you in their own words. This re-telling helps build vocabulary and communication skills. Letting them dial the number themselves helps with number recognition, too.

Hot Tip:

Parents or students should call 937-396-9578 to inquire about availability, or email dmirockyourhomework@gmail.com to learn more.
Children Services Librarians bring Storytime to you

Live Storytimes Online Each Week

Dayton Metro Library continues to find new ways to reach out to children & families.

Live virtual Storytimes @ Home are under way! These free, 15-20 minute sessions feature stories, songs, rhymes and activities, along with participant interaction, Q & A, and more.

“We miss storytimes and the excitement of having groups of children together in the Library,” said Mandie Burns, DML’s Youth Services Coordinator. “Our new online storytimes will let us connect and interact with kids and families again. We’ll have a great time sharing books and leading activities with our young participants.”

Advance registration is required by calling 937.463.2665 or registering on the events calendar at DaytonMetroLibrary.org. A stable internet connection, a webcam and microphone are recommended, though participants can join by phone. Registered participants will receive more details on how to join each session.

Virtual storytimes will continue into 2021. No storytimes will take place the weeks of Dec 21 and Dec 28, due to the holidays.

CALL or SIGN UP your child today:

**Preschool Storytime @ Home**
**TUESDAYS, 10:30 AM**
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 @ Home**
**WEDNESDAYS, 4 PM**
Quality family time with books, songs, and fun activities for children of all ages and their caregivers to enjoy together.

**Baby & Toddler Storytime @ Home**
**THURSDAYS, 10:30 AM**
It’s never too early to grow a child’s love of learning. Join us online for nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and stories that encourage early literacy skills in your child. For babies and toddlers up to 3 years, with a caregiver.

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Mister C’s STEM-Mania explores science-based principles in entertaining, accessible ways. Kids can do the activities at home using common household items. Geared towards grades 3-5, the videos are available anytime on DML’s Facebook. Watch the videos, get a list of supplies, download activity sheets, and read more about each topic at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Stem-Mania.

DML Arts Club gives viewers an immersive, virtual arts experiences with professional teaching artists. Each video in the sequence builds upon the skills learned previously. View on DML’s YouTube channel or at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/ArtsClub.

- **Dance** with DeShona Pepper Robertson, Dance Director at Stivers School for the Arts
- **The Creative Process** with poet Sierra Leone
- **Drawing** with Central State University Art Professor Dwayne Daniel

A limited number of supply kits for each discipline is available. To reserve a kit for pickup at your Branch Library, call Programming Assistant Eric Wirick at 937.496.8856. Find the videos and more info at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/ArtsClub.

**Mister C’s STEM-Mania**

Supplemental supplies for the *Kitchen Chemistry* and *Electricity experiments* can be borrowed from your Library.
Good conversations are taking place online! Are you into mysteries? Do you prefer quirky, offbeat books? Are you interested in LGBTQ characters or themes? Or do you prefer to talk about fascinating films?

Join one of our lively discussion groups meeting monthly via Webex. New participants are always welcome!

**Pub-Lit @ Home**
We're talking about wonderful, offbeat books the first Tuesday each month, 7-9 pm. BYOB!
Jan 5: *Heavy* by Kiese Laymon
Feb 2: *An Extraordinary Union* by Alyssa Cole

**LGBTQIA+ Book Club @ Home**
Join us the second Monday each month, 7-8:30 pm, to discuss fiction and nonfiction featuring LGBTQIA+ characters or themes.
Jan 11: *The Fixed Stars* by Molly Wizenberg
Feb 8: *The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith

**Tea & Mystery @ Home**
Dig into a different, compelling mystery novel each month, then join us the third Thursday, 7-8 pm, to talk about it! Did you have it all figured out?
Jan 21: *The Holdout* by Graham Moore
Feb 18: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

**CINEMATIC CONVERSATIONS @ Home**
Help us launch our NEW **Cinematic Conversations** group!
Watch a selected film each month at your convenience, FREE with DML’s Kanopy subscription, then join us via Webex the 4th Monday, 7-8:30 pm, to talk about it.
On Jan 26 we’ll discuss *Zodiac*, the chilling true-crime thriller based on Robert Graysmith’s books. Help us choose what we’ll watch next!

The site for a brand new **Huber Heights Branch Library** has been announced! The new, free-standing facility will be part of the redevelopment of the Marion Plaza on Brandt Pike. It is the capstone of DML’s $187 million facilities upgrade, made possible by voter support of a bond issue in 2012.

The 27,000 square foot Huber Heights Library will be the second largest Branch, and an $11.8 million investment in the city. LWC Inc., the architects of record for the Main Library in Downtown Dayton, will design the building.

“We appreciate the patience of our Huber Heights patrons as we worked to find the ideal site,” said Tim Kambitsch, DML’s Executive Director. “We are so pleased that the Library will be part of the Brandt Pike Revitalization Project, and we want to thank the City of Huber Heights for their leadership in making this location possible.”
As the first phase of the restoration of the Dayton Arcade nears completion, DML is celebrating the history and future of this iconic building with an exhibit of photographs, art and artifacts. The exhibit will be on display in the windows of the Dayton Room on the second floor of the Main Library.

“We’re pleased to host this look at the Arcade’s grand past,” said DML’s Special Collections Manager Jamie McQuinn. “The Dayton Room is home to hundreds of vintage photos of the city of Dayton, and the Arcade has long been one of its greatest gems.”

The exhibit will be on display in the windows of the Dayton Room on the second floor of the Main Library through February, 2021. Visitors who wish to go inside the Dayton Room should call the Library at 937-463-2665 to schedule a time for their visit.
Connecting Individuals to Social Services

Social services, such as mental health and addiction counseling, are in great demand, but coronavirus restrictions can make it difficult for clients to access them.

“While tele-health is a good option for some, many people don’t have reliable internet access or a phone plan that allows them to take advantage of tele-health options,” said Jodi Long, Associate Director of Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS). “They may also lack the privacy they need to have meaningful conversations.”

DML is responding to this community need by making space and technology available for clients to safely and privately connect with providers. A small, private room at the Main Library, fully equipped with telephone connectivity and technology, is set aside for use by social service agencies. Clients can connect with providers by phone or laptop and webcam; Library staff ensure that the space is sanitized and the computer is re-booted between appointments.

*Eastway Behavioral Health, OneFifteen, Goodwill Easter Seals, and Addiction Services of Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County* are currently scheduling appointments with their clients. DML does not schedule the appointments. The program may be expanded to other agencies and more Library locations in the future.

**USING YOUR LIBRARY**

**NEW LEBANON**
715 W. MAIN ST.,
NEW LEBANON, 45345

**NORTHMONT**
333 W. NATIONAL RD.,
ENGLEWOOD, 45322

**NORTHWEST**
2410 PHILADELPHIA DR.,
DAYTON, 45406

**SOUTHEAST**
21 WATERVLIET AVE., DAYTON, 45420

**TROTWOOD**
855 E. MAIN ST., TROTWOOD, 45426

**VANDALIA**
330 N. DIXIE DR., VANDALIA, 45377

**WEST CARROLLTON**
300 E. CENTRAL AVE.,
WEST CARROLLTON, 45449

**WILMINGTON-STROOP**
3980 WILMINGTON PK.,
KETTERING, 45429

**WESTWOOD**
3207 HOOVER AVE.,
DAYTON, 45407

**OUTREACH SERVICES**
937.496.8956

**MEAL DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES**

Plans call for the *Children’s Hunger Alliance* to continue free, shelf-stable meal distribution at all Dayton Metro Library locations through the end of the school year, May 31, 2021.

Parents are invited to pick up five meals per child each week. For a schedule of pickup times at each Branch Library, visit *DaytonMetroLibrary.org* or call 937.463.2665.

**FREE MEAL DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES**

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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.