FIND YOUR LIFE & LEARN WITH
FREE BOOKS & ACTIVITIES!

With the new school year fast approaching, it’s an ideal time to consider Dayton Metro Library’s First Club—a strategic initiative that builds stronger relationships between Library staff, first graders, and educators to form a foundation for lifelong reading and learning.

DML’s First Club is a campaign to ensure that first graders receive Library cards. A key element of First Club is The Awesome, Amazing, Wonderful Book of First Grade Firsts, a picture book introducing the original characters of Felix and Fiona as first graders as they gain independence and get their first Library cards.

As part of First Club, Children’s Librarians share the book and activities in first grade classrooms across Montgomery County.

To date, nearly 11,300 first graders have received their own Library cards through the campaign.

Isaac Fry, Burkhardt Branch Library’s Children Services Librarian, looks forward to visiting classrooms each fall.

“The First Club increases awareness of their Library,” Isaac said. “With a Library card, first graders have access to books both physically and digitally. All of these materials help young readers achieve important literacy milestones.”

First Trip to the Library

The Dayton Metro Library First Club is an exclusive club just for first graders! It is designed to introduce young students to the abundant resources available through their local library branches and set the stage for a lifetime of learning and literacy.

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Illustrated by: Pip

NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS:
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY 9:30-8:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY | 9:30-6 PM
SUNDAY | 1-5 PM
MAIN LIBRARY ONLY BEGINNING 9/18

ALL DML LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED:
MONDAY, 9/5 FOR LABOR DAY
FRIDAY, 10/7 FOR STAFF DAY
MONDAY, 10/10 FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY

LIBRARY Card!
Patrons will soon have the option of spending a relaxing Sunday at the Library. The Main Library plans to resume Sunday operating hours, beginning September 18, states Main Library Manager, Kimber Fox.

What patrons should know:

- Sunday hours will be from 1-5 PM.
- The Main Library will be the only DML location open on Sundays.
- All services that DML provides during the week will be available on Sundays.
- The Main Library will be staffed with volunteers from Main and all of DML's Branches.

Due to the pandemic, it’s been approximately two years since the Library has offered Sunday hours for patrons. Providing access to the Library on Sundays is useful to patrons who’s schedules and commitments prevent them from coming during the week.

"I am excited to have the ability to offer our patrons the full services of the Library on Sundays,"

– Kimber Fox, Main Library Manager

For updates, please visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Felix and Fiona also appear in a follow up book called *The Awesome, Amazing, Wonderful First Trip to the Library*, so that all those new, young Library cardholders know what to expect – and the wonders they can find – at their Library.

Lisa Mossing, Elementary School teacher in the Mad River Local School District, is a huge fan of the program. “Because of First Club, we are able to get our students’ families involved with the Library.”

“When students get their Library cards,” Mossing said, “they are ecstatic. Their families bring them into the Library and those visits create a community connection with the librarians that gets passed on from one teacher to the next.”

For more information about First Club, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call the Ask Me Desk at 937.463.2665.

“Programs, events, and classes may be photographed or video taped for Library promotional or historical purposes. Notify Library staff if you prefer not to be documented.

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Performances are scheduled for formal stages, as well as more casual encounters, from both well-established and emerging arts organizations and artists.

Visitors could experience folk music and dance, improv, youth theatre, modern dance, puppet theatre, choral groups, and salsa music.

Ohio Governor's Award winner Sierra Leone and the Dayton Performing Arts (representing Dayton's Philharmonic, Ballet, Opera, and Youth Orchestra) will perform.

SOS Arts Cincinnati and the multi-cultural Human Rights/Derechos Humano's curated exhibit will showcase 25 prints by 12 different artists from Oaxaca, Mexico. There will also be pieces from 12 artists from Cincinnati, each addressing one of the 12 Human Rights.

Leesa Haapapuro, a two-time artist in residence with DML, will offer hands-on visual arts experiences of all ages.

Sarah Maxwell, a Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District/Culture Works award winner, will present a solo show featuring a series of paintings using endangered animals to tell the story of having dyslexia.
The event, presented by Oral Funk Poetry Productions, will pay tribute to Dunbar with their contemporary performance, Lyrics. Love. Legacy. This high-spirited show celebrates urban roots and Black creativity through the eyes of the Gem City and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

In preparation of this performance, patrons are encouraged to visit DML’s West Branch and embrace Dunbar’s roots. Located in the Adult Reading Area of the West Branch, a verse from Dunbar’s “Compensation” poem is etched in granite:

"Because I had loved so deeply,
Because I had loved so long,
God in His great compassion
Gave me the gift of song.
(1905)

Dunbar was born and lived some of his adult life in Dayton. While still in high school, a few of Dunbar’s poems had already been published. Before going on to become a well-known poet with his voice of equality for African Americans, Dunbar worked as editor of the Dayton Tattler, an African American newspaper published by Orville Wright. The National Park Service restored the home he lived in with his mother, located a mile from the West Branch. It’s here, in West Dayton, where Dunbar left his gift, and a 150 years later, his song can still be heard.

This Tribute event is sponsored by the Friends of the Dayton Metro Library. Registration is not required. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For more information, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/BlackCulture/Dunbar.

REIMAGINING MUSIC IN THE STACKS

Dayton Metro Library, the Home of Urban Creative Arts, and WYSO of Yellow Springs, have joined forces to bring the Tiny Stacks Music Series to Library patrons. This initiative, sponsored by the Friends of the Dayton Metro Library, aims to connect musicians, books, and patrons together in one spot.

DML Branches will host the Tiny Stacks Series, thus inviting the public to engage not only in the rich, diverse musical talents of the Dayton area, but to also partake in the vast amount of resources DML offers. The Tiny Stacks Series will give patrons a chance to reimagine DML by being able to engage in our new facilities in a new way.

Sharon Taste, Branch Manager at Northwest, agrees. “The sound of music in the Library is a wonderful way to shift people’s thinking of what a library is, how libraries are used, and how libraries are evolving into a flex space,” she said. The Branch is excited to be one of the hosts for the series and anticipates that patrons will enjoy it. “Music has the tendency to meet people where they are. It grants them an opportunity to set aside their concerns, in exchange for a moment of tranquility,” Taste concludes.

For more information about the series and the musicians, please visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/TinyStacks.

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Dayton Metro Library has lots of great programs planned this fall for everyone of all ages!

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Animals and Nature FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY:

Five Rivers MetroParks: Wildlife Around Us
FRI, 8/5 | 1-3 PM | Northwest

Newport Aquarium: Meet a Penguin!
SAT, 8/20 | 2-3 PM | Burkhartd

Five Rivers MetroParks Wildlife Ambassadors
TUE, 8/23 | 4-5 PM | Burkhartd

Plant Swap
SAT, 9/3 | 11 AM-12 PM
Kettering-Moraine

Learning Tree Farm Comes to the Library!
THUR, 9/8 | 3:30-4:30 PM
Wilmington-Stroop

STEAM: Five Rivers MetroParks Wildlife Ambassadors
TUE, 9/27 | 6-7 PM | Trotwood

Threatened and Endangered: Predator Birds
SAT, 10/29 | 2-3 PM
Wilmington-Stroop

KALEIDOSCOPE OF BUTTERFLIES ART ACTIVITY & TREE OF LIFE MEMORIAL
WED, 8/3 - SAT, 10/1
During Library Hours
Main Library, Opportunity Space @ St. Clair, 1st Floor

GEM CITY BLACK BUSINESS EXPO
SAT, 8/27 | 11 AM-5 PM
Cooper Park behind the Main Library

GEM PROJECT SUICIDE PREVENTION TEEN ART EXHIBIT
THUR, 9/1 - WED, 9/21 | Main Library, Third Street Bridge, 2nd Floor
MON, 10/3 - FRI, 10/28 | Southeast During Library Hours

We offer programs on Genealogy and Dayton historical topics at Branches throughout the system. For more information about any of the programs listed here, please visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Programs or call the Library’s Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

I Think My House is Haunted: Historic Property Research Basics
For Adults
SAT, 10/8 | 1-2 PM | Southeast

Ghost Hunting with the Dayton Ghost Hunters Society
For Adults, Teens, and Tweens
SAT, 10/8 | 2-3 PM
Wilmington-Stroop

Paranormal Research in Local History Collections
For Adults
THUR, 10/13 | 7-8 PM
Huber Heights

Paranormal Research in Local History Collections*
For Adults
SAT, 10/22 | 11 AM-12 PM
Main Library, Conference Room 1B, 1st Floor

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Celebra EL MES NACIONAL DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

National Hispanic Heritage Month - celebrated in the United States from September 15 to October 15 - recognizes the historical and cultural contributions Hispanic Americans make to the United States. Community members are invited to celebrate this rich, diverse culture by participating in events specially created for DML’s Latinx and Hispanic programming:

- **Emiliana Guereca**: THUR, 10/13 | 11 AM-12 PM and 6:30-8 PM
  Main Library, Eichelberger Forum
  Emiliana Guereca is an award-winning activist, feminist, entrepreneur, and CEO of the Women’s March Foundation, who has devoted time to advocacy programs for women’s rights, Latino education, and gender equality and has served as a bridge between community organizations and coalition building that spans national levels.

A recent endeavor of Guereca’s includes launching Women’s March Action, the 501c4 political arm of Women’s March. She has received many awards over the years for their work. More about Guereca’s awards/platforms can be read at [DaytonMetroLibrary.org/SocialJustice](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org/SocialJustice). (This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Dayton Metro Library and coincides with DML’s Social Justice Speaker Series and National Hispanic Heritage Month DML programming.)

- **American Heritage Month (Human Rights)**:
  On display MON, 9/26 – SAT, 10/29
  Main Library, Opportunity Space @ Patterson, 1st Floor
  This art exhibit is courtesy of SOS (Save Our Souls) ART Cincinnati, a non-profit organization for greater Cincinnati area artists. They host art exhibits (and workshops) that address issues of peace and justice in the form of creative expression.

They will be showcasing “Portfolio of Woodcut Prints,” a collaboration project with Taller Burro Press in Oaxaca, Mexico, which encompasses images and messages based on Human Rights perspectives from different cultures. It consists of 25 black and white prints - 12 by artists from Oaxaca and 12 by artists from Cincinnati, which are encased in a portfolio with a cover. (This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Dayton Metro Library.)

Programas de Especialidad (Specialty Programs)

Staff at DML Branches have created engaging and educational programs to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. The programs below are for a variety of ages to enjoy.

- **Baby & Toddler Storytime**: Mother Goose on the Loose Bilingual
  For Birth-24 months with a caregiver
  Every Thursday, 8/4-10/27
  10-11 AM
  Main Library, Children’s Creativity Space, 1st Floor
  This award-winning early literacy-based program uses music, rhymes, stories, and more to stimulate the learning process for babies & toddlers.

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Scavenger Hunt**
  For Tweens and Teens
  THUR, 9/15 – SAT, 10/15
  Southeast

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Activity Sheets**
  For Pre-K/Kindergarten, Grades 1-4, and Tweens
  THUR, 9/15 – SAT, 10/15
  Vandalia

- **Flag Guessing Game**: National Hispanic Heritage Month
  For All Ages
  THUR, 9/15 – SAT, 10/15
  Electra C. Doren
  Did you know that there are twenty-one Hispanic countries? Each week during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Branch will display five flags, and it's up to you to figure out which country those flags belong.

- **DIY Alebrijes**: Make Your Own Fanciful Mexican Folk Art
  For Grades 1-4 and Tweens
  SAT, 9/17 | 2-3:30 PM
  New Lebanon
  Join us for an afternoon of crafting Mexican Folk Art sculptures (alebrijes), which are imaginary creatures that come from the Mexican state of Oaxaca, created by Pedro Linares in the 1930s. The movie Coco made them famous by introducing Pepita and Dante as pets/alebrijes.

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Día de los Muertos Party

TUE, 10/18 | 4-7:30 PM | Burkhardt | For Grades 1-4 and Tweens

Make Pan de Muerto from scratch and decorations for Burkhardt Library’s ofrenda (altar) that will be displayed at the Main Library on SAT, 10/22, during the Día de Los Muertos parade downtown.

Creative Crafting Family Drop-in Activity

TUE, 9/29 | 10 AM-12 PM

Southeast

Learn about Nazca lines, design from Peru that you can only see from the sky. Create your own miniature versions on paper.

Family Craft Time: Hispanic Heritage Month Edition

WED, 9/28 | 4-5 PM

Main Library, Children’s Creativity Space, 1st Floor

For Families, Pre-K/Kindergarten, Grades 1-4, and Tweens

Get artsy at the Library and join us for a special craft.

ESL CLASSES

Every Monday, 8/1-10/31
6:30-7:30 PM | Burkhardt

Every Monday and Friday, beginning in July-10/31
4:30-5:30 PM

Main Library (along with the Talk Tables sessions)

Learn English as a second language for free! This class is for all levels of learners.

TALK TABLES FOR NEWEST AMERICANS

Every Monday and Friday, 8/1-10/31 | 4:30-5:30 PM

Main Library, 2nd Floor, New Americans and World Languages Area

Every Tuesday, 8/2-10/25 | 11 AM-12 PM

Vandalia (Stop by the Ask Me Desk for Assistance)

Every Tuesday, 8/2-10/25 | 7-8 PM

Wilmington-Stroop in the TeenEDGE area

Practice your English conversational skills in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Talk Tables connect English Language Learners with Library Volunteers who can help you become more comfortable speaking English.

INTERACTIVE BOOK READING (SPANISH/ENGLISH): AUTHOR ADRIANA PRIETO QUINTERO

SAT, 9/17 | 3-4 PM

Huber Heights

For families, Pre-K/Kindergarten, and Grades 1-4

Author and teacher Adriana Prieto Quintero will read her book Where Are We From?

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In the spring of 2022, DML introduced a new program series, Social Justice Speaker Series (SJSS), that focuses on important dialogue and discussions related to cultural competency, inclusion, and representation. Here’s a list of this year’s remaining speakers:

**CANDICE MATTHEWS BRACKEEN**
SAT, 8/6 | 2-3:15 PM
Main Library, Bassani Theater Off Third, 3rd Floor
Matthews Brackeen is a general partner at Lightship Capital and directs programming at Lightship Foundation. They will discuss entrepreneurship, business, and venture capital. This program is in conjunction with Gem City Black Business Month.

**LEAH THOMAS**
THUR, 9/8 | 11 AM-12 PM and 6-7:30 PM
Main Library, Eichelberger Forum, 1st Floor
Thomas, an environmentalist based in California, has a passion for advocating and exploring the relationship between social justice and environmentalism through an intersectional lens, which they will share with the audience.

**HANIF ABDURRAQIB**
TUE, 9/20 | 10-11:15 AM
Main Library, Eichelberger Forum
From Columbus, Ohio, and receiver of numerous awards and nominations, much of Abdurraqib’s writings encompass music and the experience of being Black in America, which they will speak about during this program.

**EMILIANA GUERECA**
THUR, 10/13 | 11 AM-12 PM and 6:30-8 PM
Main Library, Eichelberger Forum
Guereca is an advocate of programs for women’s rights, Latino education, and gender equality – aspects of social justice that they will discuss in this program, sponsored by Friends of the Dayton Metro Library and in conjunction with DML Latinx and Hispanic Heritage Month programming.

**MICHAEL THOMAS FORD**
SAT, 10/22 | 2:30-3:30 PM
Main Library, Eichelberger Forum
Ford is an Ohio author and recipient of several awards who writes for both adults and young readers. They will discuss their writing, which often focuses on the experience of being part of the LGBTQ community.

Registration is not required to attend these programs. For more information, please visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/SocialJustice or call the Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

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Dayton Metro Library added two new, free databases to its collection: **Northstar Digital Literacy** and **Haines Criss+Cross Directory**, both of which are available for access at DML Branches.

**NORTHSTAR DIGITAL LITERACY**

An IMLS ARPA grant from the State Library has made this database available in all Ohio libraries. It could be extremely useful to patrons who wish to focus on basic digital literacy skills, such as using a mouse, searching for information on the Internet, using email, understanding Google Docs, and conducting job searches.

Northstar provides assessments in fourteen digital skills, offers instructor-led curricula, and provides self-directed online learning. Library staff can create learner accounts for patrons so that learning and completed assessments can be documented.

**HAINES CRISS+CROSS**

This database is for patrons who are looking for a free marketing solution for their Ohio business. This online directory generates investor names, homeowner names, phone numbers, and addresses of households in a given area to help generate new customers. It can be used to create leads, telemarketing lists, and target prospects.

While Haines has other tools, DML only has access to the Haines Criss+Cross Directory at this time. Access to the directory requires assistance from Library staff.

Need some help navigating DML’s vast Digital Collection? Never fear. Many Branches are offering free database classes happening through the Fall:

**WHO AM I? EXPLORE LIBRARY GENEALOGY DATABASES**
- WED, 8/10 | 4-5:30 PM
  - Miamisburg

**DIGITAL LIBRARY RESOURCES**
- THUR, 8/18, 3-4 PM
- MON, 9/19 | 3-4 PM
- SAT, 10/15 | 3-4 PM
  - Miami Township

**DATABASE TUTORIAL**
- FRI, 8/26 and 9/23 | 2-4 PM
  - Northmont

**FOLD 3: EXPLORE OUR LIBRARY MILITARY GENEALOGY DATABASE**
- SAT, 9/24 | 2-3 PM
  - Miamisburg

**WORLD LANGUAGES ONLINE**
- TUE, 9/27 | 7-8 PM
  - Huber Heights

Stop by the nearest Branch to try out one of the new databases, or for more information visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Research](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Research). While there, you can check out the over 100 free databases in DML’s growing Digital Collection!
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.

New reads