

Welcoming *Spaces* at **YOUR** **DAYTON METRO LIBRARY**



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Highlights of YOUR DAYTON METRO LIBRARIES

The Dayton Metro Library is one of the oldest and largest public library systems in Ohio, consistently ranking among the best in the nation. There are currently **17 Library locations**, plus Outreach Services and an Operations Center throughout the county-wide system. In order to fulfill its mission to inform, inspire, and empower the community, DML offers programs, materials, resources, and services for all ages and stages of life.

In recognition of our important work, Montgomery County voters overwhelmingly passed *Libraries for a Smarter Future*, a \$187 million bond issue in November of 2012, which provided funding for new construction and renovations to the entire Dayton Metro Library system. Library users now enjoy modern, efficient facilities providing superior services and technology for the 21st century.

This booklet highlights three key aspects of Dayton Metro Library's facilities: **Relmaging Works**, the **Children's Area**, and **Community Story** of each Branch location.

All of the new or renovated Branches feature original, commissioned artwork made possible by an anonymous

bequest. This generous funding forged a partnership between the Dayton Metro Library and the Dayton Art Institute with a project called *Relmaging Works*. Patrons voted on pieces from DAI's permanent collection, which were then used as inspiration for artists to submit proposals of new work. Now the community can enjoy 64 pieces of beautiful new artworks created by more than 50 regional artists.

The Children's Area at each location focuses on special themes to illuminate each community's youth priorities. When patrons and their children step through a Dayton Metro Library *Imagine! Portal*, imaginations are set free to encourage literacy and learning on the path toward limitless accomplishments.

Within every Branch's neighborhood lies unique assets that help to define the community, whether it's history, landmarks, special attributes, or the patrons themselves. Each Branch was designed to reflect the community it serves, as expressed during the Library's community input and design input forums. For all newly constructed buildings, the Library sought LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental design) certification. The same design standards were used for the building renovations, ensuring that all projects resulted in healthy, efficient, and cost-saving green buildings.



Opened:
August 5, 2017

Location:
215 E. Third St.,
Dayton, OH 45402

Main Library



► MAIN'S STORY:

The new expanded Main Library sits in Cooper Park, the site of the original 1888 Library and the 1960s building. The design utilized the structural core of that facility, enabling the cost-effective conversion of the lower levels to address the patrons' request for more convenient parking. The Main Library is home to: a three-story, light-filled atrium; the Eichelberger Forum; the Bassani Theater Off Third; the Opportunity Center for workforce, career, and nonprofit support; the Opportunity Space at St. Clair for exhibits, partnerships, and special

programming; an art gallery; a fully-equipped Green Screen Room and editing stations; the Dayton Room housing special collections; computer labs and extensive desktops and laptops; and the largest collection of books and media in the system, with the entire reference and circulating collection available on open shelves.

Theme: "Bridges" is a metaphor very symbolic to the City of Dayton, and the Children's *Imagine! Portal* is an actual climbable bridge, designed to mirror Dayton's original Third Street (Peace) Bridge. It provides extensive imagery that reflects the mission of DML and the possibilities it presents: bridges to imagination, other lands, success, cultures, understanding, the world,

literature, knowledge, your future, and communities. Bridges have a connection to water, construction, and engineering, therefore rendering a connection to STEM, and in turn, many of our programs have become STEM-oriented.

Children cross bridges as they move through developmental stages. When they walk into the Main Library's Children's Area, they are also crossing a bridge to imagination, to other worlds, to knowledge that can help them through developmental stages and milestones. Bridges represent connections – they connect old to new, they connect cultures and people – and those things are all connected to the Dayton Metro Library system, as the Main Library also connects all the other Branches.

IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- Monet's *Waterlilies*
- Nam June Pak's *Four Decades*
- Peruvian Mummy Mask

Selected Artists and Their Works:

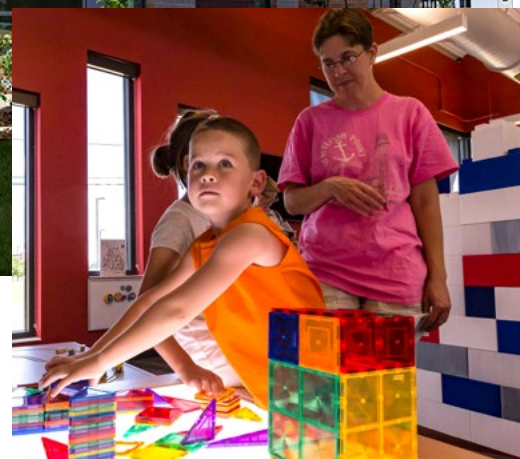
- Terry Welker, *Fractal Rain*: A kinetic sculpture of wire and 3,700 acrylic prisms
- Susan Byrnes, *Viscosity Garden*: 90 cast rubber tiles forming an abstract waterscape
- Willis "Bing" Davis: Found object mask
- Gretchen Jacobs, *Truss and River*: Oil painting
- Katherine Kadish, *River 1-5*: Five expressive and abstract monoprints
- Paula Kraus, *Morning Glory*: Inkjet print of fine art photography
- Andrea Myers, *En Plein Air*: Machine sewn fabric collages
- Michelle Stitzlein, *Stream at Huffman Prairie*: Salvaged materials collage

Architects:
Group 4 Architects and LWC Incorporated
Construction Management: Skanska/ATCS

Brookville

Opened:
August 22,
2015

Location:
120 Blue Pride Drive
Brookville, OH 45309



BROOKVILLE'S STORY:

The first Brookville Library was founded in 1917 under the Brookville Library Association's guidance. The Brookville Library evolved and changed locations several times over the years. In 1936, the Dayton Public Library reorganized Brookville's collection and it became the first Montgomery County Branch in the Dayton system. As part of **Libraries for a Smarter Future**, Brookville was the sixth Branch project, moving to its new location in a completely new facility. To align with the community's priorities, as well as the close proximity to the Brookville

Local School District, staff focus on STEM programming, LEGO robotics, and coding programs. The Branch also enjoys a positive relationship with area businesses and the Brookville Chamber of Commerce, as well as other community organizations.

Theme: Imagination leads to an explosion of ideas, and anything is possible when a mind is in motion. This guiding force shaped the Brookville *Imagine! Portal* theme, "**Minds in Motion**," which is carried out through

kinetic toys, a ball shoot, and a LEGO table all support STEM learning. Brookville's slogan, "A Proud and Progressive Community," fits this growing city that includes rural farms, an historic downtown, new suburban housing developments, and a robust industrial park. The community's pride and their momentum influenced the Children's Area design.

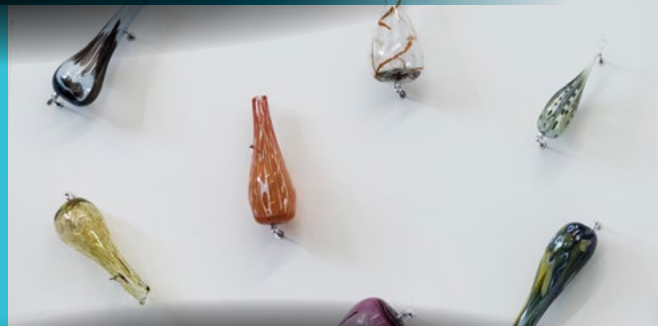
IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- *Ritual Bottle* from the Chinese Tang Dynasty (618-907 CE)
- Gaston La Touche's *Dinner at the Casino*

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Darren Kall:** Two 4x8 foot line pattern paintings
- **James Michael Kahle:** Installation of 30 unique glass vessels, titled *Oblivion Ongoing*
- **Suzanne Ley:** Acrylic canvas painting with hidden wildlife, titled *Do you See What I See?*
- **Ron Rollins:** Three-panel work reflecting a fireworks display, titled *And Then the Rockets Traced the Edges of the Night*



Architects: John Poe Architects and Group 4 Architects
Construction Management: Shook Construction

Burkhardt

Opened:
April 25, 2022

Location:
4704 Burkhardt Ave.
Dayton, OH 45403



BURKHARDT'S STORY:

The Burkhardt Branch has been serving residents of Dayton and Riverside since 1960. The new facility was constructed across the street from the original building, retaining the convenient location valued by the patrons and allowing for a much-needed larger parking lot on the previous site. The branch has an enclosed outdoor reading terrace and multiple meeting spaces, including a flexible room that allows for art exhibits and displays

as well as providing a spot for Homework Help and other programs.

Theme: “*Soaring Beyond*” connotes achieving dreams and reaching higher through education, volunteerism, discovery, and work opportunities. If the sky’s the limit when you soar,

“*Soaring Beyond*” encompasses all those possibilities and new, unknown possibilities of the future. “*Soaring Beyond*” provides an opportunity to connect the past and future of aviation, with Wright Patterson Air Force Base nearby. The Children’s *Imagine! Portal* theme addresses aspirations to engage children and emphasizes technology. It also emphasizes being a welcoming community for New Americans, many who come to our country for opportunities reflected in “*Soaring Beyond*.”

RE IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- *Joy of the Waters* by Harriet Frishmuth
- *Flying Pup King* by Yoshitomo Nara
- *Vendedoras De Frutas* by Alfredo Martinez

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Carrie Longley:** A large scale wall relief titled *A Worm’s Eye View*
- **Deborah Dixon:** Five six-foot sculptures, each suspended and lit from within with LED lights
- **Tracy Longley-Cook:** 16 cyanotype prints using lines from unfolded paper airplanes
- **InsideOut Studio:** A painting based on client Brett Garrett’s design, which includes glass cutouts from a community and staff collaboration.



Architects: Levin Porter Architects
Construction Management: Shook Construction

Electra C. Doren

Opened:
January 3, 2015

Location:
701 Troy St.
Dayton, OH 45404



► ELECTRA'S STORY

Electra C. Doren was the first Branch in the Dayton Metro Library's system to receive a makeover as part of **Libraries for a Smarter Future**. The renovation took place at Electra C. Doren's 701 Troy Street location in Old North Dayton.

Doren is the oldest Branch in the Dayton Metro Library system and was named after local pioneering librarian legend Electra Collins Doren. She served as the Library's Chief Librarian from 1896 to 1905, and again from 1913 until her death. Doren passed shortly after the new Branch (the one that dons her name now) opened in 1928. This Branch also remains one of the few public buildings in the United States that is named after a woman.

Theme: "**Trains**" are an iconic symbol in children's literature and appeal to youth of all ages. They serve as a powerful metaphor for reading, learning, and growing. The train theme for this Branch location recognizes the importance of the Barney & Smith Car Company and Children's Medical Center (formerly Barney Children's Hospital) in Old North Dayton. The area is decorated with a train mural and train-themed toys.

RE IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Piece:

- *Stacks in Celebration* by Charles Sheeler

Selected Artist and Their Work:

- **Darren Kall:** Aluminum sculptures that represent landmarks of Old North Dayton



Architects: Levin Porter Architects and Group 4 Architects
Construction Firm: Lewaro Construction

Huber Heights

Opened:

June 2,
2023

Location:

6243 Brandt Pike
Huber Heights, OH 45424

HUBER'S STORY:

▶ Huber Heights was the capstone of the **Libraries for a Smarter Future** facilities upgrade. The Branch was a key component of the revitalization of that area along Brandt Pike, one of the busiest roads in the city. The new Huber Heights Branch is the second largest in the system and now has more dedicated spaces and resources to serve patrons of all ages at this busy Branch. Its unique Cultural

Commons, with a baby grand player piano and fireplace, provides a flexible space for daily use by patrons including reading, studying, puzzles or games as well as a special place for music and other performances.

Theme:

"Larger Than Life" imagery is a fun spark to encourage imagination and is a staple of classic children's literature in

stories such as *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. In the StoryCorner at Huber Heights children can read or play inside a teacup or sit on oversized spools of thread, on a giant caterpillar or under an oversized umbrella. Huber Heights is one of the busiest of all the Dayton Metro Library locations, so "Larger Than Life" also reflects the significance of the new Branch to the local community and the entire Dayton Metro Library system.

RE IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- *Growing Flowers* by Mary Forrer Peirce
- *Antelope Head Puppet* from the *Bozo People (Mali)*, 20th century
- *Watchtower* from the Eastern Han dynasty (25-220), 2nd century

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- *Parade* by Cedric Michael Cox
- *Anteloping with Birdie* by Mel Rea
- *May the Wind Bring You Peace* by Ann B. Kim
- *Mellie's Meadow* by Michelle Stitzlein



Architects: LWC, Incorporated
Construction Management: Shook Construction

Opened:
October 17, 2015

Location:
3496 Far Hills Ave.,
Kettering, OH 45429

Kettering-Moraine



KETTERING'S STORY:



The Kettering-Moraine Branch Library originally opened in March 1958, adjacent to Fairmont High School. It was the first public Library in Kettering, and has undergone two expansions: 1966 and 1996. The Kettering-Moraine Branch Library is land-locked in a prime location on Far Hills Avenue. Because it cannot be increased in size, the **Libraries for a Smarter Future** renovation improved upon the available space and increased functionality of the Library. New additions include: more natural lighting, a 24-hour accessible vestibule for both material returns and pick-ups, and an outdoor reading patio, as well as the addition of a Quiet Reading Room and other smaller gathering spaces.

Theme:

The word **"Gizmos"** provokes an image of a fanciful gadget or Rube-Goldberg style machines. "Gizmos" relates to DML's *Imagine! Portal* theme because tinkering and inventing are impossible without imagination. Code-breaking relates to breaking new ground, unlocking mysteries, making connections – all of which require and spur the imagination, which of course happen at the Library!

Furthermore, the Kettering-Moraine area is known for its inventors, with direct connections to Edward Deeds, Ermal Frazee, and Charles F. Kettering. The Dayton Codebreakers worked just up "the Far Hills" at Sugar Camp. Tinkering and code-breaking together, seemed like natural fits as thematic springboards for the Branch.

RE IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- *Celebration* by **Christopher Ries**
- Japanese Trunk with Family Crests Design from the Edo Period (1615-1868)

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Gail Christofferson:** A glass mosaic mural reinterpreting the dynamic, angular forms of the Ries work
- **Marsha Monroe Pippenger:** 12 small canvases in paper collage hung as a grid on the Community Room wall
- **Mike Elsass:** An abstract painting on four pieces of shaped recycled steel that resemble the Ries glass work



Architects: Ruetschle Architects and Group 4 Architects
Construction Management: Shook Construction

Opened:
November 14,
2015

Location:
2718 Lyons Rd.
Miamisburg, OH 45342

Miami Township

MIAMI TOWNSHIP'S STORY:

Originally opened in 2000, the Miami Township Branch was the newest in the Dayton Metro Library system when the facilities upgrade began. Already too small to meet the needs, however, it was the second branch to be improved. The new Branch offers a larger community room, a conference room and additional study rooms to meet the demand for meeting space in the area. The original meeting room was converted to a cozy quiet reading room. Patrons of all ages are now better served by the distinct spaces for adults, teens and children.

Theme: When a child hears the word **"Playhouse,"** their imagination carries them to many iterations of "house," - fortresses, castles, lands far away, their own backyards, or special places in their community, such as their Library. The house-shaped Children's Imagine! Portal in this renovated Branch provides the perfect framework to spark a child's imagination. It also allows the Children's Librarian to decorate it for seasons, themes, or programs. It's a cozy space that encourages both curling up to read as well as active imaginative play.



RE IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Piece:

- Ritual Wine Vessel (Jue) from the **Shang Dynasty**

Selected Artist and Their Work:

- **Stefan Chinov:** An outdoor sculptural grouping situated near the front entrance of the Branch



Architects: Levin Porter Architects and Group 4 Architects
Construction Management: Skanska/ATCS

Miamisburg

Opened:
February 20,
2017

Location:
545 E. Linden Ave.
Miamisburg, OH 45342

► MIAMISBURG'S STORY:

Named for the Miami Native American tribe, the town of Miamisburg's first library was a Carnegie building, opened in 1909. In 1966 the Miamisburg Library joined the Dayton Metro Library system, and in 1981 moved to a new building next door to the Carnegie Library. The new Branch is situated on Linden Avenue among the grand houses known as Millionaire's Row, so the design incorporated a lot of wood to fit within its surroundings. It has an outdoor patio and is home to an historical collection treasured local artifacts on view next to the fireplace in the Quiet Reading Room.

Theme: "Stars" provide imagery and metaphors that can convey positive messages related to striving and doing your best. Children can receive stars for a job well done; they can become shining stars by the accomplishments they achieve; and they can follow bright stars in the night sky that offer wonderment and guidance.

The "Stars" theme is significant in Miamisburg, which is known as the Star City. Anecdotal stories connect the nickname to both its Native American heritage and it being a stage coach stop symbol. The Children's *Imagine! Portal* also features a dedicated "puppet show" stage, highlighting the Branch's long-standing tradition of utilizing puppetry to illuminate literary works.

RE IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- *Huck Finn* by **Robert Koepnick**
- **Rockwell Kent's** painting *Endless Energy for Limitless Living*

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Susan Byrnes:** A large scale sculptural work called *Great Miami School*, comprised of 60 multicolor cast resin fish referencing the importance of the river to Miamisburg
- **Darren Haper:** A large acrylic and enamel canvas painting of Huck and Tom's river-rafting adventure
- **Mychaelyn Michalec:** An illustration of various energy sources key to Miamisburg history
- **Amy Kollar Anderson:** Three paneled acrylic paint and mica paintings called *Miamisburg Mandala*

Architects: Levin Porter Architects and Group 4 Architects
Construction Management: Shook Construction

Opened:
July 23, 2015

Location:
715 W Main St.,
New Lebanon, OH 45345

New Lebanon

► NEW LEBANON'S STORY:

In the early 1950s, the Mother's Study Club of New Lebanon saw a need for a community library and held bake sales and variety shows as fundraisers. By 1955, enough money had been raised to start a small library located in the spare room of a bakery. The Dayton Library loaned 500 books to the collection, and then in 1957, assumed responsibility for staffing. The New Lebanon Library then officially became a Branch of the Dayton & Montgomery County system. Increased circulation and a nearby fire led to the need for a new facility, which opened in 1988. The completely new and expanded Branch opened in 2016; the parking lot sits at the site of the former Branch. As an anchor institution in the village, the Branch provides an important space and resources for meetings, for community projects, and simply for all ages to enjoy.

Theme: The Library and the wonders of books allow a child's imagination to take them anywhere. These possibilities are captured in **"The Places You'll Go."** A map, transportation images, and a special place to read can lead children to imagine and explore all the opportunities the library affords.

The Library connects children to real or imagined places through books, music, and access to the Internet, and does so through almost every stage of a child's life. This theme was inspired not only by the classic Dr. Seuss book *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* (which is a popular gift to give high school seniors upon graduation), but also by a popular phrase used by local residents: *"In New Lebanon, you are just 10 miles to anywhere."*

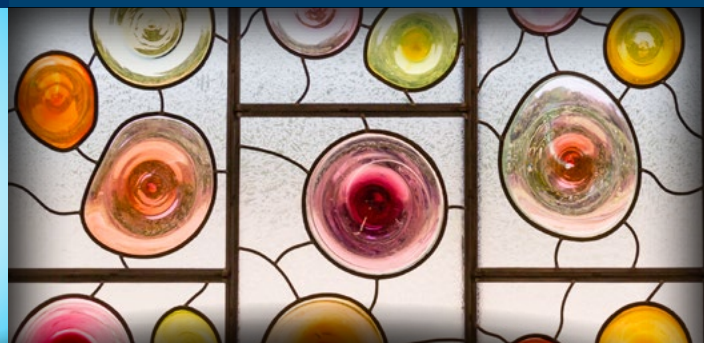
REIMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- *Homage to the Square: Sentinel* by Josef Albers
- Japanese Footed Dish

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Shon Walters:** Sculpture of 13 flowers using 20 varieties of wood, titled *The Flowers' Ultimate Devouring of the Sun*
- **Amy Kollar Anderson:** An acrylic paint and crackle paste on wood panels above entitled, *Manabu Haiku*
- **James Michael Kahle** and a team of local glass blowers: A large, child-friendly glass window designed to be touched, named *Oblio's Tones*



Architects: John Poe Architects and Group 4 Architects
Construction Management: Shook Construction

Northmont

Opened:
January 7, 2023

Location:
700 W. National Rd.
Englewood, OH 45322



In 1967, the Englewood Lions Club organized a fundraising campaign to rent a storefront from the first Northmont Branch Library. The Branch moved to space in the new Government Center in 1975 and expanded in 1997. Still the busy library needed more space, so the new building was constructed nearby with convenient access along Route 40 and the bike path to educational and other community partners. The parklike setting is enhanced with cherry trees planted as part of the Operation 2000 Cherry Tree Project, and cyclists can take advantage of the Bike Repair Station donated by P&G.

Theme: “**Building Connections**” is a theme that links children to the past and the future – from wagon trains to robots – with literal and metaphorical meanings for the Northmont Branch. The building is located along the historic National Road, which has connected travelers to points west since the early 1800s. The Englewood MetroPark and Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm connects area

residents with nature and the area’s rural roots. The Miami Valley Career Technology Center connects youth with important trades and growing industries. And there’s a sense of pride in the community’s diversity and commitment to bridging differences. The branch is the home to the Storybook Dollhouse whose furnishings provide clues to connect young and the young-at-heart to the wonders of many classic children’s books.



RE IMAGINING Works:

Architects:
Ruetschle Architects
Construction Management:
Shook Construction

Inspirational Pieces:

- *Nightwood* by Kenneth Noland
- *Dragonfly Lamp* (designed for Tiffany Studios) by Clara Driscoll

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Gary Hinsche:** A large-scale acrylic piece titled *Ode to Kenneth*
- **Gae Helton:** *Dragonflies and Poppies*, a glass mosaic
- **Tricia Calvert:** A glass work composed of small light boxes and playful colors in abstract geometric composition
- **Amy Deal:** A nature-inspired diptych panel using a variety of media



Northwest

Opened:

April 22,
2016

Location:

2410 Philadelphia Dr.
Dayton, OH 45406



NORTHWEST'S STORY:

The Northwest Branch Library united the former Dayton View, Ft. McKinley, and Northtown-Shiloh Branches. The ***Libraries for a Smarter Future*** plan determined that the size, lack of parking, and age limitations of those facilities made any significant updates or improvements prohibitive. The Northwest Branch Library was the first completely new public Library constructed as part of the facilities project. It is the largest Branch location in the Dayton Metro Library system. Features include an original fountain from the former Fairview High School.

Theme: "Meadows"

transform from seeds to green grass to a golden harvest – shifting and changing with the seasons. A meadow is usually in motion (waving grass), which relates to our desire to encourage movement and exploration. A meadow in motion demonstrate a child's place in the community, their personal journey to community connectedness – and with encouragement, they will grow and flourish into full meadows. The parts contribute to the whole, the beginning supports the end.

This particular Branch is on a land-rich site. The design incorporates and embraces a natural setting (bioswale, wild flowers/grasses, lawn amphitheater, etc.). The community shares an appreciation for the mature trees and a walking path, close proximity to a golf course, and the history of the orchard/fruit farm and garden center in the area. There is a desire to model natural views and activities in an urban area where there is less diversity in nature. The concept of beauty in all its stages of nature (perfectly imperfect) reflects the growing child and supports diversity.

IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- Relief Fragment from **Persepolis**
- **Kuosi** Elephant Mask

Architects: Ruetschle Architects and Group 4 Architects
Construction Management: Skanska/ATCS

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Virginia Kistler:** Stainless steel, rubber, and wood hanging sculpture
- **Amy Kollar Anderson:** *Marketplace of the Mind*, Acrylic and copper foil on linen *Spaces Between Stones*, Paper collage with mixed media
- **Francis Schanberger:** *Scatter Hoard*, cyanotype and Vandyke on washi (Japanese paper)



Southeast

Opened:
August 10,
2019

Location:
21 Watervliet Avenue
Dayton, OH 45420



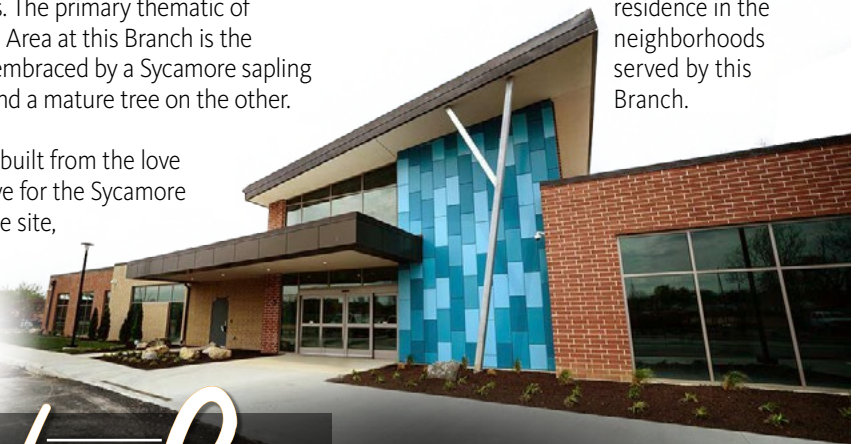
► The Southeast Branch Library is a consolidation of two Branches previously rooted in the area: the East Branch and the Belmont Branch. Belmont originally opened in 1940, in a remodeled storeroom. In 1984, it was the site of the first computerized check-out in the Dayton Library system and underwent a major renovation in 1997. In 1969, the East Branch replaced one of the first Branches of the Dayton Public Library - the East Carnegie Branch on East Fifth Street, which opened in 1914.

Southeast is the only in the system to feature a "conference center" setting, with three rooms able to be used in combination for neighborhood events and activities. A popular destination with the nearby high school students, the Branch also uses these spaces for extensive educational and entertaining programs for teens.

Theme: When imagination is "**Taking Root**" in a child, the possibilities are endless. The metaphor of a seed turning into a seedling, then into a mature plant, and thus ending as a flower holds a strong connection to a child's development and budding ideas. The primary thematic of the Children's Area at this Branch is the StoryCorner embraced by a Sycamore sapling on one side and a mature tree on the other.

This theme is built from the love neighbors have for the Sycamore trees lining the site, and it also speaks to the combination of families who have

lived there for many generations. The theme also resonates to the growing presence of new multicultural, international families who are putting down roots in the East and Belmont neighborhoods. The phrase literally evokes nature's imagery and figuratively reflects families who have previously settled, as well as those who continue to seek long-lasting residence in the neighborhoods served by this Branch.



REIMAGINING

Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- Georgia O'Keeffe's *Purple Leaves*
- Therman Statom's *Ovala Marea*

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Gail Christofferson:** Glass mosaic using high-contrast complimentary colors
- **Andrea Myers:** Wall-based textile collage of sewn and appliqued leaf shapes
- **Kate Huser Santucci:** Multimedia work using graphite drawings, sculpture, and found objects
- **Annie Lee Zimmerlee:** Three large scale woodblock prints depicting readers in a Sycamore tree
- **Chris Welker:** Low-relief work that incorporated recycled and repurposed books

Architects: Ruetschle Architects **Construction Management:** Shook Construction



Opened:
July 7, 2020

Location:
855 E Main St.
Trotwood, OH 45426

Trotwood



TROTWOOD'S STORY:

The Trotwood Branch Library first opened for business in March 1966, on land donated by the Trotwood-Madison School Board; however, the Bookmobile had been providing service to the community for more than 25 years. Trotwood's legacy was taken to heart when constructing this new Branch. Quad study rooms emulate the famous **Trotwood Trailer**, taillights and awning included. Perhaps while sitting inside, patrons might let their mind drift to the fun of picnics and celebrations, especially after the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes devastated many homes and businesses in the area.

The resilience of residents is honored in a Nature Play area with animals and books sculpted from trees downed in the devastating 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes. The patio features a unique artwork made from clay harvested from the site of the new building. A display case was incorporated into the conference room because

patrons expressed a desire for a place to showcase local art, hobbies, and history. While Trotwood residents had to wait longer than planned for their new Library because it was scheduled to open the day everything shut down for the pandemic in 2020, the Branch has been a busy community asset since DML was able to open its doors.

Theme: Family, diversity, and community are values that the Trotwood community embrace and **"celebrate."** When a child steps into the Children's Area, they are met with toys and furniture that suggest a picnic atmosphere, which signifies the idea of families and communities coming together and celebrating. Community members use picnic areas to gather and celebrate, and to make, build, and strengthen connections. Libraries do the same: residents can gather and make connections.



RE IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- **Pathway**, John Safer's soaring stainless sculpture
- A ceramic piece from the Weiner Werkstätte, entitled **Centerpiece**

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Dwayne Daniel:** A digital painting entitled **Pathway to Creativity and Discovery**
- **Michael Bashaw:** A hanging relief sculpture comprised of several thousand vinyl pieces hanging vertically and suspended in multiple layers
- **Nick Stamas:** A four-panel visual montage painting that represents a diverse and eclectic range of music and musicians
- **Judy Campbell White:** A multi-paneled painting featuring a quartet of women illustrating the stages of a women's life

Architects: Ruetschle Architects
Construction Management: Shook Construction



Vandalia

Opened:
November 15,
2016

Location:
330 S. Dixie Dr.
Dayton, OH 45377



VANDALIA'S STORY:

Originally housed in the Vandalia Township Building, the Vandalia Branch Library opened in 1945. In 1963 the Branch moved to an independent facility in front of the Vandalia-Butler High School where it remained until the **Libraries for a Smarter Future** project. At that time both the local Board of Education and the Library needed more room, so DML constructed a new building on the former BOE site, and

the Board moved into the former Branch. Always popular with teens coming after school, the new Library has a dedicated teen space rather than having to take over the only meeting room in the old location. Vandalia is one of five DML locations with a computer lab. And the Opportunity Space is always activated by local partners and creative programming to meet the needs and interests of the community.

Theme:

"Navigation Fascination" is the theme for this Branch. Libraries help children navigate school and life – similar to how early travelers used stars and constellations to guide their journeys. Like the night sky, libraries lead our children on journeys to the past, present, and future. Perhaps best known for being the home of the Dayton International Airport, Vandalia is at the "Crossroads of America," where I-70 and I-75 meet. Historic Route 40 runs through the community, there is an active bike trail, and the Stillwater River flows through the west edge of Butler Township. Navigation speaks to all connections, and all paths lead to the Library.



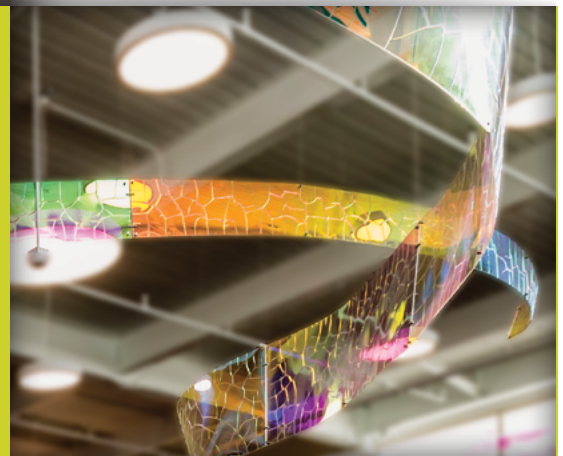
IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- **Aurora Red Ikebana with Bright Yellow Stems** by **Dale Chihuly**
- **Study of Heads of an Old Man** by **Peter Paul Reubens**

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Mike Elsass:** A large-scale piece using multiple layers of paint and organic materials titled **Aurora Red – Old Rt. 25**
- **Stephen Canneto:** Interwoven ribbons and fuselage forms of dichrolamine called **Currents**
- **Suzanne Ley:** A painted triptych entitled **What Gets Your Attention?**



Architects: Ruetschle Architects and Group 4 Architects **Construction Management:** Shook Construction

West

Opened:
February 7,
2022

Location:
300 Abbey Ave.
Dayton, OH 45417



WEST'S STORY:

The new West Branch united the former Madden Hills and Westwood Branches, doubling their combined size. The colorful panels above the entrance glow at night and are a nod to the neighboring historic Wright Brothers Airplane Factory. Dayton Metro Library is part of the redevelopment of the Wright Factory site, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A dedicated **Percussion Play Area** in partnership with Preschool Promise and Learn to Earn Dayton has been installed for patrons young and old to enjoy, with funds from the Dayton Metro Library Foundation. Dayton poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, a friend and contemporary of the Wright Brothers, grew up nearby. A verse from one of his poems titled "Compensation," which was originally located at the entrance of the old 1962 Main Library in downtown Dayton, now hangs above the fireplace in the new West Branch.

And through the efforts of community leaders, Dunbar will be memorialized with a statue near the Branch entrance.

Theme: "Shine" is a positive message that celebrates the culture of the West Dayton community. It can be visualized through a rising sun, a beacon, and a spotlight. Shine symbolizes hopes and dreams, opportunities and possibilities. You can shine a light on the past and the future and on talent and potential.

The movable stage in the Children's Program Room is an iconic feature to showcase this concept. A mobile kitchen cart supports nutrition education for area youth.

Pride in the community's art, history, and culture was a consistent message at the public forums. Patrons also expressed a desire for the Library to inspire and motivate youth. "Shine" is an image that captures those aspirations best. Additionally, the sun sets in the west which is a nice connection to the West Branch.



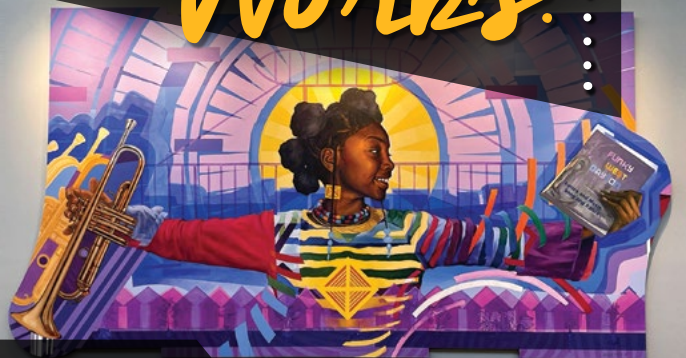
Inspirational Pieces:

- **Norman Lewis' *Cantata*** from 1948
- The 20th century ***Nwantantay Mask*** from the **Bwa people of Burkina Faso**

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **James Pate:** A large oil painting entitled ***Read and Play***
- **Cedric Michael Cox:** An 8'x10' acrylic painting referencing atmospheric elements and architectural features
- **Kevin Harris:** A 9'x20' work entitled ***Domain of Do***
- **Susan Byrnes,** in collaboration with Dayton choreographer and multidisciplinary artist **Rodney Veal** and former DCDC dancer **Brianna Rhodes:** A series of five large expressionistic photographs

IMAGINING Works:



Architects: LWC, Incorporated **Construction Management:** Shook Construction

Opened:
October 22, 2018

Location:
300 E. Central Ave.
West Carrollton, OH 45449

West Carrollton



The West Carrollton Library began in 1942 as a part-time library in a building shared with a blacksmith shop. In 1946, the Library moved into the West Carrollton City Building, and by 1976, it was the smallest full-time Branch in the Montgomery County system. When the City of West Carrollton began planning a new Civic Center, the Dayton Metro Library accepted the offer of a long-term lease and moved into the center in 1979. With the central location and strong partnership with the city, it made sense to add onto the current location when more space was needed.

The new Branch has dedicated meeting and study spaces. Teens can hang out in booths in TeenEdge, and youngsters can play in a

canoe in the Children's Area. With lots of natural light, rich wood, and a fireplace, the West Carrollton place is an inviting space for residents of all ages to enjoy.

Theme: The bend of the Great Miami River in West Carrollton inspired the theme of **"Around the Bend,"** as water serves to conceptualize the flow of ideas.

"Around the Bend" suggests discovery and anticipation, apt things for our Children's Imagine! Portal. The concept is expressed well in a quote from Anne of Green Gables: *"I don't know what lies around the bend, but I'm going to believe the best does."*

When a child opens a book and turns a page, they travel around the bend - exploring,

growing, traveling to new destinations, & learning how to flow with their imagination. The Great Miami River is arguably the most distinctive feature of the City of West Carrollton. It is important to the city's history and current economic development. The Wright Seaplane was also invented nearby, adding yet another tidbit of aviation history to Montgomery County.

IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- **Indian Hunter with his Dog**, a bronze sculpture created by **Paul Manship** in 1926
- **Willard Leroy Metcalf's** painting **Valley in Spring** from 1920

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Jennifer Rosengarten:** A series of four large oil paintings depicting the Ohio prairie in each season
- **Gary Hinsche:** A contemporary interpretation of landscape
- **Ron Geibert:** A panoramic triptych created from his photographs of the Manship sculpture

Architects: Levin Porter Architects
Construction Management: Shook Construction



Opened:
June 1, 2019

Location:
3980 Wilmington Pike
Kettering, OH 45429

Wilmington-Stroop



► WILMINGTON-STROOP STORY:

In 1974, the demand on the Kettering-Moraine Library was great. The Board of Trustees determined that a second Branch in Kettering would ease the burden. A site was located and the Wilmington-Stroop Branch opened in January 1976. An addition was completed in 1996. With high circulation and large and loyal attendance at children's programs, the need for more space was identified again during the *Libraries for a Smarter Future* update. The intersection that gave the Branch its name inspired the design of the latest building, with the architecture embracing and celebrating the unique angles. The center beam of the prior building was salvaged during demolition and was repurposed as a decorative mantel over the fireplace in the Quiet Reading Room. With a larger Community Room, study

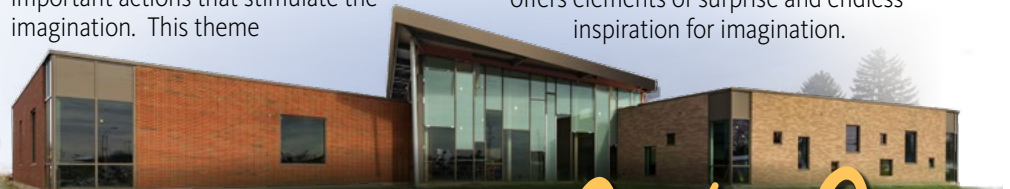
rooms of various sizes, and an Opportunity Space embraced by community partners and the creative children's staff, the Wilmington-Stroop Branch offers rooms, collections, and other resources to support the needs and interests of area residents.

Theme: "Reflection"

can mean seeing and contemplating – both important actions that stimulate the imagination. This theme

was inspired by the popular metaphor that books are mirrors and windows used to better understand oneself and understand the larger world around us. Children read to better themselves; they explore to better understand the things around them. Reflection can also yield surprise, as one may see something they didn't expect.

The fanciful mirror and window play structure offers elements of surprise and endless inspiration for imagination.



IMAGINING Works:

Inspirational Pieces:

- **Red Circle**, an oil painting by **Dwinell Grant**
- A cut glass piece **Bold Endeavor** by **Jon Kuhn**

Selected Artists and Their Works:

- **Suzanne Ley** and **Susan Cannon**: Large mixed-media piece combining paint and fused glass
- **Brent Beck**: Painted wood panels that relate to the modern geometric architecture of the Library
- **Paula Kraus**: Five framed inkjet prints on rice paper created from photographs
- **Dan Cleary**: Triptych of large photograph focusing on the historical relationship between Charles F. Kettering and Edward Deeds



Architects: Ruetschle Architects **Construction Management:** Shook Construction



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► About Libraries for a Smarter Future

The Dayton Metro Library is one of the oldest and largest public library systems in Ohio, consistently ranking among the best in the nation. There are currently **17 Library locations**, plus Outreach Services, in Montgomery County. In order to fulfill its mission to **inform, inspire, and empower** the community, DML offers programs, materials, and services for all ages and stages of life. It is funded in part by a portion of the state income tax and local levy support.

Specialized services and resources are available for schools, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, literacy providers,

and job seekers. The Library houses a unique collection of local history and genealogy materials. Computers are available for public use and computer instruction is offered at many Library locations.

In November 2012, Montgomery County voters passed a **\$187 million bond issue** to fund new construction and renovations for the Dayton Metro Library system. The multi-phase, multi-year project concluded in June 2025. All Library users now enjoy modern, efficient facilities providing superior services and technology for the 21st century.