

Take a Storywalk!®

Go walking in a winter wonderland this December when you follow this month's storybook page by page through uptown. Read about a family that is having trouble getting its act together on December 23rd in *The Night Before the Night Before Christmas* by Natasha Wing. You'll follow the rhythms and meter of the classic Christmas poem with an entirely new twist! To start your walk, stop at the front desk and pick up a Coded Tales sheet. As you walk from business to business, be sure to write down the code letter located at each stop. When you finish the story, you should have spelled out a special message that you can bring back to the library's front desk to receive a prize!



You can also enjoy our Storywalk® at Stepping Stones Park to read about *The Bear and the Star* by Lola M. Schaefer



On a cold winter morning, Bear welcomes a new star to the sky and searches for the perfect tree—a majestic evergreen—under which to host a celebration for everyone to enjoy. Almost as if by magic, guests start to arrive. They are feathered, furry, scaled—on the wing, on four paws, on two feet. They are young and old. They bring gifts. They bring love. They bring hope for peace.

Holiday Break Notice

To give our excellent children's and teen program coordinators a break, there will be no Storytime, That Thursday Thing, Hangout, or Middle School Storytime during the school break in December. Activities will resume on January 6th.



Tiny Tots
(ages 0-3):

Monday 10:00 a.m.,
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.,
and Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

Storytime
with Miss Jill



Preschool
(ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.

Middle School Storytime

This is NOT your little brother's storytime! Miss Lisa invites Middle School students to interact with books in a new way through Reader's Theater, which allows you to become part of the story! Meetings take place in the children's section by Miss Lisa's office at 3:00 p.m. on every Monday that school is in session.

Hang Out

Looking for a place to meet up with your friends after school? Make USCL the place to hang after school on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Miss Lisa is opening the large meeting room for grades 6-12 to play games, eat snacks, or just chill. Hang Out will be available every Wednesday that school is in session.



Every Thursday that school is in session, kids of all ages are invited to

attend That Thursday Thing from 3:00-4:00. Each week, the children's and youth department team up to host games and activities that encourage kids to interact in positive and creative ways with each other and our staff. There's fun snacks and plenty of time to hang out with friends. It's an hour they won't want to miss!

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Upper Sandusky Community Library



Treats and Sweets

Join Cheryl and Patti on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. and make your holiday season bright...and sweet!

First, you'll join Patti in decorating the iconic Christmas sugar cookie. Sampling is a must! Then, Cheryl will invite you to participate in creating delicious holiday candies. This event is sure to fill up fast, so sign up today!

Online Registration Now Available



To register for an event, go to our website, usclibrary.org. Go to the calendar and select the event. Select the "Register Now" button. Fill in your information and click Register. You will get a confirmation email and then a reminder email 24 hours before the event. It's as simple as that!

Secret Santa Shop

It's back! The Friends of the Library will once again be hosting a Christmas store where little shoppers can buy gifts for their loved ones on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Children ages 12 and under are encouraged to fill out a shopper's sheet with information regarding who they are shopping for and their spending limit. These sheets can be filled out ahead of time and are available in the children's department starting November 26th.

When the shoppers arrive, an Elf will help them shop for the perfect gifts for friends and family. It's sure to be a magical morning that your child will enjoy!



December Events

2nd: Gingerbread Workshop

3rd: Gingerbread Workshop

4th: Treats and Sweets

12th: Craft Party

16th: Lunch Bunch

24th: Early close at 1:00 p.m.

25th: CLOSED

31st: Early close at 1:00 p.m.

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Mon.- Thurs. 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate with USCL



We're full of holiday spirit at USCL and we invite you to celebrate the season with us! This year, we are showcasing the works of C.S. Lewis and his classic book, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

You can visit The Wyandot County Museum to see our Narnia-themed Christmas tree and check out our Aslan-themed light pole decoration uptown. Then, step through the wardrobe as you delight in our *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* float in the Christmas parade on December 7th. You'll meet the Pevensie children, the White Witch, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, Mr. Tumnus and more. Happy Holidays from USCL!



Did you know...

From age 16 onward, Lewis often found himself imagining "a Faun carrying an umbrella and parcels in a snowy wood." According to his short essay *It All Began With A Picture*, the image continued to come to him until, at age 40, he said to himself, "Let's try to make a story about it."

Technical Difficulties?

Try our TechConnect hour on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon.



Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, December 16th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch, where the community meets to share a meal. This month's theme in a holiday potluck and optional \$5 gift exchange sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

Deviled Crab Cakes

with Chive Cream

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3 Tbsp. snipped chives
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp. honey
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 12 oz. crab meat (fresh or canned and drained)
- Salt and cayenne pepper
- 3/4 cup Panko or other fine bread crumbs

In a large bowl, combine first six ingredients. Fold in crab meat, salt, and cayenne pepper. Stir in 4 tablespoons of bread crumbs until mixture just holds together. Place remaining bread crumbs in a shallow bowl. Roll crab mixture into large walnut-size balls. Drop balls into bread crumbs in bowl; gently roll balls until coated. Place on a baking sheet; gently press to flatten slightly. Cover with plastic and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 24 hours. Preheat oven to 400°. Remove plastic; bake for 20 minutes, until crisp, golden, and warmed through. Top cakes with a tiny dollop of sour cream, a sprinkle of paprika and minced chives.

Cheryl says...

Remember to pick over the canned crab meat to make sure there are no tiny pieces of shell.

Ornaments and Appetizers!

It's time to put the party in Craft Party! Join Rachel on Thursday, December 12th in USCL's large meeting room at 6:00 p.m. for a Craft Party Holiday Extravaganza! There will be delicious appetizers and treats, games, prizes, and crafts, of course! This month we'll create Christmas ornaments perfect for your tree, a gift, or package decoration. All supplies are provided so grab a friend and mark your calendar. *Registration begins on December 2nd and is required for attendance.*



Looking Ahead...

Since there are no Book Club meetings in December, we thought we would give you a sneak peak of what's coming up!

COMMON READERS

Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs meeting room

January 21st

The Briar Club

by Kate Quinn

Discussion Leader: Karen Magers

February 18th

The Bookwoman's Daughter

by Kim Michele Richardson

Discussion Leader: TBD

March 19th

Horse

by Geraldine Brooks

Discussion Leader: Vicki Orians

INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Don Tomaso's Italian Kitchen at 123 Wyandot Street.

January 22nd

Genre: Science Fiction

Cassandra in Reverse

by Holly Smale

February 26th

Genre: Romance

A Court of Thorn and Roses

by Sarah J. Maas

March 26th

Genre: Mystery

Killers of a Certain Age

by Deanna Raybourn

The 100 Book Club

USCL would like to congratulate Jenny McKee for being our first to complete the 100 Book Challenge for the 2024/2025 club year.

It's not too late to join! Ask for your sign-up card, rules and instruction sheet, and book log at the front desk. You'll have until May 31st to read 100 books.

If you complete the challenge, you'll be invited to our club reception next summer and get a free t-shirt. Just another good reason to read!

