

Enhance Your Life Today

December 2014



Cookbook Club! Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Do you enjoy sampling and sharing new dishes? Then grab your apron and sign up for the Clyde Public Library's brand new book club!

The Club will meet the **first Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.** in the meeting room. Each attendee will bring a recipe that they have made from a cookbook based on the theme of the month. Our **first meeting is January 6** and the theme is: "A Favorite Recipe from My Favorite Cookbook". The Library will provide eating utensils and dinnerware. We have a small microwave for reheating.

A variety of cookbooks will be provided for attendees to choose from for our February theme, "Healthy Cooking". At the January meeting we will also choose themes for the rest of the season. Please call to register – we'll need the name of your recipe, too, for the place card.

Food for Fines!

The library will accept canned goods, (please, nothing outdated) paper and toiletry products for payment for fines on overdue items between **November 28 and December 23**, **2014**. All donations will go to the Clyde Food Pantry. Each box or can is worth \$1.00 in fines and can only be put toward overdue items, not lost or damaged items.

<u>Suggested Products</u>: Canned goods, boxed meals, applesauce, pie filling, boxed stuffing, cake mixes, paper towels, toilet and facial tissue, shampoo, soap, napkins.



It's important to train and prune fruit trees, and many homeowners in this area have several fruit bearing trees that need proper care. Ottawa-Sandusky Master Gardener Mike Cleary will talk on "Pruning Fruit Trees" on Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clyde Public Library. He will cover training and pruning trees to give them the proper shape and form, to yield quality fruit, and to live significantly longer. Please register for this free program by calling the library at 419-547-7174.

Adult

Currently on display in the library is "A Basket Full of Thanks" – Tell us what books and authors, or anything you are thankful for! Write it on one of the shapes and pin it to the basket.



SCILLING

Weekly story time sessions are for preschoolers 2½ - 5 years old. The 30-minute sessions include stories, fingerplays, music, art, movement, and language activities. No pre-registration is required and parents are welcome to participate in story time with their child. Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

BOOK BABIES

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Book Babies is for infants through 24 months with a caregiver. Stories, baby games and musical activities create a playful learning experience for all. No registration is required.

Holly Walker, owner of H₂O and Supplies, located in downtown Clyde, will talk on **'Emergency Preparedness"** at the Clyde Public Library on Tuesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. As it says on the government website, ready.gov, it is important to be aware of the variety of emergencies, and to make a plan to respond both personally and as a family to the different types. Holly will discuss various emergencies and how to create emergency supply kits. Attendees will also have an opportunity to sample the dehydrated/freeze dried prepared meals that she stocks at H2O and Supplies. Please register for this free program by calling 419-547-7174.

Crazy Craft Days

Come and join in the fun making a fresh pine jar and a log slice chalkboard ornament.
Wednesday, December 17
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.





December Challenge: Create "Something from a Favorite Song" on Tuesday, December 30, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room. For preschoolers and up - no registration is required!

December Events

Tuesday

Knifty Knitters 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Story Time 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Emergency Preparedness* 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Book Babies 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.
Story Time 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
SPLAT 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Junior Minecraft 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Minecrafters Unite! 6:00 p.m.

Monday

Library Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Story Time 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Pruning Fruit Trees* 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Story Time 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
SPLAT 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Pop Bottle Gift Box* 5:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday

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Wednesday

117 Crazy Craft Days* 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Story Time 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Wayfarer's Musical Performance
1:00 p.m.
SPLAT 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

20 Game Day 11:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday

23 Story Time 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

24 Christmas Eve - Library Closed

Thursday

25 Christmas - Library Closed

Tuesday

Story Time 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Lego Club 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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COMING NEXT MONTH:

Cookbook Club*
Junior Minecraft
Minecrafters Unite!
Getting Started Series:
Knitting or Crocheting*,
Bead Stringing for Jewelry*,
Quilt Piecing with a Sewing Machine*
Game Day
Writers' Group
Lego Club
Reading Practice Pooches*
La Tertulia - Clyde Public Library
Spanish Club
*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

DIRECTOR'S PICK



The Amazing Christmas Extravaganza by David Shannon

This year, the Merriweather family is really going to celebrate Christmas. Instead of simply trimming their tree and hanging a holly on the door, the Merriweathers decide to decorate their whole house. And decorate they do, with colored lights, candy canes, giant snowmen, and a fifty-foot Santa...and soon the family's Christmas extravaganza is the talk of the town! Award-winning artist David Shannon presents a visual holiday feast--and reminds us that the real joys of Christmas are the people we love. Much to the dismay of his neighbors and family, Mr. Merriweather's Christmas display grows from a simple string of white lights into an outrageous spectacle. --Barnes & Noble

The pictures in this modern-day holiday parable are sturdy and filled with realistically executed details, and the principal characters appear larger than life: nice, apple-cheeked Mr. Merriweather and very scary-looking Mr. Clack, whose chiding sets Mr. Merriweather on a frenzy of holiday house decorating that causes him to alienate his neighbors, forget his devoted family, and lose sight of Christmas. This is no sentimental Christmas yarn despite the final message. The setup (and the comedy) has an adult feel, but the brilliant colors, depth, and meticulous details of the artwork will be enough to attract plenty of older children. --Booklist

The guileless Mr. Merriweather puts a string of lights around his window; when he is mocked by his neighbor, whose own house is covered with lights, Mr. Merriweather adds more decorations and within days has a display that people in three counties come visit. The story in the illustrations is incomparably richer and more entertaining than the text, which is framed by light displays that grow more ornate as the book progresses. Rarely do pictures have so much narrative in them. --Kirkus

Staff Favorite from Jill McCullough



I have taken two online classes from Coursera.org. This amazing site connects those who are interested to institutions of higher education from all over the world offering free college level classes. Currently, over 10 million people are taking over 800 classes. Don't be deterred by the 'college level' label. I registered for Gut Check: Exploring your Microbiome; I have no science background, and some of the lectures went over my head, but I could learn more by going on the Internet. Requirements for classes vary. For this one, the six week class included video lectures (with very helpful captions), forums, some links to external reading, a weekly quiz of 8 multiple or true/false questions, and two projects that involved peer review (checking the answers of two others in the class). Since there were 18,000 people registered for my class, I can see why the professors couldn't grade the essavs themselves.

I spent two to four hours a week on the class and I have a much greater understanding of the topic. I could have enrolled in a track that would have led to a Verified Certificate from the University of Colorado Boulder. Check out the courses – you may find something to help you with your profession; or, you can just have fun learning something new, like I did!

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/clydelibrary for updates, program information, and lots of pictures!

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