Volunteer Spotlight
ELIZABETH PUTZ
You can catch Elizabeth reading to kids during Toddler Time, helping out at the Beyond Abilities Book Club, and volunteering her time in Youth Services. Elizabeth is a dedicated volunteer and takes pride in every task she completes. When it comes to reading to the kids during early literacy classes, Elizabeth is a natural! She asks questions to keep the kids engaged and always provides the kids with positive encouragement. Customers and library staff look forward to working with her each week. Her favorite memory is the summer art classes, when she helped kids with different craft projects every week. “It is fun!” she says.
After volunteering, Elizabeth usually sticks around the library to read Pebble Plus books. Most recently, she’s been reading about different kinds of animals. When she’s not at the library, she likes to polka dance. She is an Honorary USPA Princess in the United States Polka Association.

Volunteer Appreciation and Orientation Opportunities
Library allows you to volunteer at both locations. If you are a new volunteer, please complete an online application before attending orientation. Can’t make an orientation? You can still volunteer with us at events and general organizational tasks. Fill out an online application to get started. Applications for new volunteers can be found at pickeringtonlibrary.org/volunteers.

Volunteer Orientation
Sat., May 16, 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. (main)
Wed., May 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (main)
Wed., May 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (main)
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Volunteer Appreciation
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MONTHLY STAFF PICKS
The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman
Staff: Lauren Hardy
The short story collection from the creator of BoJack Horseman kept me laughing the whole time.

The 12 book series features a world very much like our own, except vampires have always existed and there are schools for vampire training.

Inspire Knowledge, Connect Community, Enrich our World, Read!

Audiobooks
RBdigital - Discover over 31,000 downloadable audiobooks with the latest titles from your favorite authors, always available without holds. Can’t agree on a song during family trips? Take a look at the kids section for audiobooks everyone can enjoy.

OverDrive & Libby - Download e-books and audiobooks from your computer or the Libby app. Need a break? Check out the kids media section to catch a breather without worry.

Hoopla - Stream audiobooks and graphic novels and use kids mode for friendly content while on the go.

TumbleBook Library - Explore a library full of animated, talking picture books to read along with kids.

Kids
(Use Overdrive, Hoopla and RBdigital kids mode for audio, e-books and streaming).

 Shuffle 2 - Listen to your favorite British shows on Acorn TV.

Music, Movies, TV:
Hoopla - Stream movies, TV shows, music, on your devices, including your favorite British shows on Acorn TV.

Magazines and Newspapers
Flipster - Read popular magazines on your mobile device without holds.

The New York Times - Get free access to the digital version of The New York Times with your library card including today’s issue all the way back to 1851.

Newsbank - Read print and online news from sources all over the country, including The Columbus Dispatch.

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EBranch
OPEN 24/7
Download & stream to read, watch, listen and learn.

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New on the Shelves

**The Glass Hotel**
Emily St. John Mandel
The Glass Hotel is so much more than a story of a bartender named Vincent at The Hotel Caiette on Vancouver Island. It is an interwoven tale of the testing of boundaries, using multiple time periods and a little bit of magic, Mandel once again delivers a cast of beautifully flawed characters on a journey to survive.

**The Black Dagger Brotherhood**
J.R. Ward
The book series features paranormal romance focusing on a society of vampire warriors who live together and defend their race against desouled humans called lessers.

**The Goldfinch**
Theodore Decker was 13 years old when his mother was killed in a bombing in Amsterdam. The tragedy changing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The tragedy changes the course of his life.

**Emily St. John Mandel**
Emily St. John Mandel is the author of The Glass Hotel and Station Eleven, which is an outbreak literature bestseller and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. She has also written for The New York Times, The New Yorker, and The Atlantic.

The library provides Flipster and hard copy versions of magazines such as Car & Drier, Columbus Monthly, HGTV Magazine, Redbook and more so customers have the option of accessing the content at the library or on the go. Flipster offers an easy, browse-able reading experience. Users can browse magazines by category as well as perform searches for specific periodicals.

**Mark Your Calendar**

For more information about events or to register, visit pickeringtonlibrary.org.

**Flipster**
Browse the latest issues of popular magazines and newspapers

**Author Visit**
Polly Farquhar
May 4 at 7:00 PM
Pickerington Library Main

Polly Farquhar grew up in a small town in upstate New York, graduated from the University at Albany, and then moved to Ohio, earning her MFA in Creative Writing from the Ohio State University.

An excerpt from the book provided by the publisher:

Isaac's sixth grade year gets off to a rough start. A tornado tears the roof off the school cafeteria. His mother leaves on a two month business trip to China. And as always... there's the itch. It comes out of nowhere.

It's everything. It's why everyone calls him Itch—everyone except his best friend Sydney, the only one in all of Ohio who's always on his side, ever since he moved here.

At least Itch has his job at the pheasant farm, which is tough but cool. And most of the guys at school are okay to hang out with, even if they're crazy about college football, and Itch could care less. He's doing the best he can to get along—until everything goes wrong in the middle of a lunch swap. When Sydney collapses and an ambulance is called, Itch blames himself. And he's not the only one.

**Friends of the Pickerington Library Book Sale**
The sale opens to the public on Thursday, April 2, through Sunday, April 5:

- April 1: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- April 2: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- April 3: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- April 4: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- April 5: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For sale is a variety of books, DVDs, CDs and vinyl albums. Come early for the best selection!

Proceeds from the sale support many Pickerington Public Library projects, including the Outdoor Music Garden.

**Need Tax Help?**
Pickerington Public Library has a collection of tax forms available for use or copy at our main location. Fairfield County United Way is also available for services when you make an appointment online at https://www.uwayfairfieldco.org.

**Craft it!**
March 10, 6:30 p.m.
After a long winter, start preparing for spring by handcrafting some beautiful paper flowers at Sycamore Plaza.

**Video Game Fridays**
Fridays: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Relax after a long week of school by joining us for open game play on our PS4 and VR system at Pickerington Main.

**Summer Feeding**
Spring cleaning is the perfect time to clear off your book shelves and donate gently used children’s books to be included in summer feeding fridays with the library.

**Local Food Pantry**
The library has teamed up with the local food pantry many times, including the upcoming donation collection at Sycamores’ “Merry Unbirthday Party,” March 24, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Volunteer Scholarship**
In partnership with the Pickerington Library Fund, the library offers an annual volunteer scholarship. Given out each spring, stay tuned to learn who this year’s recipients are!

**Golden Buckeyes**
Did you know you can apply for a Golden Buckeye card at all locations of the Pickerington Public Library? Ask a staff member for assistance during your next visit!
End the School Year with an A+ at the Homework Help Center

The Homework Help Center is comprised of dedicated volunteers and staff who provide general homework guidance and support to grades K – 12. The Center does not take reservations for one-on-one sessions; it is walk-in only. Available until May 21, Pickerington Main’s help center is open Monday - Thursday 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Sycamore’s, 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Library Partnerships

The Garden Club
The Pickerington Garden Club meets monthly at Pickerington Main. They maintain the flowers at the library. The next meeting is on March 18, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Red Cross Donations
Don’t miss the next blood drive on Sunday, April 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pickerington Main. To schedule, call 1-800-REDCROSS.

Cricut Class
March 16, 6:30 p.m.
We will create an Easter/Spring Card and Envelope at Pickerington Main.

Monday Makers
April 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Welcome our guest hosts AR Workshop Pickerington, a local DIY painting boutique, who will provide all the materials to make a canvas bag.

ASL Classes
Thursdays: April 2- April 30, 8:00 - 7:00 p.m.
This 5-week cumulative course will introduce you to American Sign Language concepts at Sycamore Plaza. Registration required.

COMING SOON: COMIC FEST!
Sat. May, 2 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Meet talented local comic and graphic novel creators and check out their amazing creations at Pickerington main!
We’ll also have interactive superhero activities for all ages and a chance to meet your favorite characters! The fun runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Activities will feature:
Creators: all day, including Arley Owens of Earth Team Green, Canada Keck of Ruminera Comics, Michael Nano, Alex M. Clark, Michael Fehskens, Travis Perkins, Molly Durst, and Michael Carroll. Superhero training: A blow up obstacle course will be on the front lawn all day. Other opportunities will include superhero and Star Wars crafts, the 501st, Superman and Spiderman meet and greet, superhero trivia, Dungeons and Dragons mini quests and superhero movies and popcorn.
So much action could warrant an empty stomach, so we’ve prepared for that too with food truck visits featuring Kona Ice and the Tortilla Truck. All at Pickerington Main.
For more information, visit the library online at pickeringtonlibrary.org.

Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library

The Ohio Governor and Ohio’s public libraries are partnering with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library and Nationwide Children’s Hospital to deliver free books to children 0-5. For more information or to enroll, visit https://ohiomaginationlibrary.org/. Forms are also available at both Pickerington Public Library locations.

Imagine Your Story this summer at the Pickerington Public Library

Readers of all ages will explore all things fairy tale, fantasy, and myth this summer as Pickerington Public Library presents Summer Reading 2020: Imagine Your Story. Babies, kids, teens and adults are invited to register beginning May 28.
Pick up your calendar, reading log bingo board and plan your summer with us! Kick off Summer Reading with a concert by Jim Gill at Sycamore Creek Park Amphitheater on Sat., May 30 at 11:00 a.m.
The fun never stops: learn about beginning robotics with COSI; cartoonist, Jeff Nicholas, will guide young artists in a draw-along as he shares stories and poems; Joanie Calern will lead a folk music sing-a-long; move & groove to the pulsing rhythms of the digde with Didgendoo Down Under for a morning of interactive musical storytelling, and so much more! Wrap up the summer with Bring the Farm to you on August 7.
Please note: the last day to collect summer reading prizes is Saturday, August 8.
To see the whole schedule, visit pickeringtonlibrary.org beginning May 1.
EVENTS

EARLY LITERACY & FAMILIES

Toddler Time (2 to 3-year-olds) Monday - Thursday, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. at Pickerington Main.

Raising Readers (2 to 6-year-olds) Monday - Thursday, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Sycamore Plaza.

Preschool Pals (4 to 5-year-olds) Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Pickerington Main.

Rhyme Time (0 to 23-month-olds) Wednesday - Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Pickerington Main.

Family Fun (For all ages, children with special needs) Saturday(s), March 7, April 4, May 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Pickerington Main.

Saturday Stories and Songs (2 to 6-year-olds) Saturday, March 7, April 4, May 2, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Pickerington Main.

Dog Tales: Thursdays: March 12, April 9, May 14. Time slot: 6:30 - 6:50, 7:10 - 7:30 p.m. at Pickerington Main.

STEAM Book Club Mondays: 23 & April 27, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Pickerington Main).

inbeTWEEN Book Club Mondays: 2, April 6, 8:30 - 7:15 p.m. (Pickerington Main).

STEAM-y Saturdays Saturdays: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (Sycamore Plaza).

March 7 - Pointillism art style and painting techniques. Bring your own paper, art supplies, and creativity. Meet outside and paint with the Master Hatter.

April 4 – Celebrate Earth Day! Learn fun and creative ways to help your family support Earth Day. Activities include birdseed ornaments and creating a marble run.

May 2 – Exploring Space. Blast off! Today’s budding scientists will be exploring Space and learning about size, distance, and temperature.

For more information or to register: pickeringtonlibrary.org

TECH WEEK!

We have a full schedule of classes to help you become the tech guru you have always wanted to be.

Monday, March 2, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Pickerington Main & Sycamore Plaza) Play with Ozobots! A fun, interactive activity to introduce programming and coding skills.

Summer Reading Kick-off Concert with Jim Gill Saturday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Sycamore Creek Park Amphitheater. Jim Gill’s Sing-a-thon Celebrated Songs. Get out your lawn chairs and picnic baskets and get ready to sing, clap, dance, and spin along during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill. Jim Gill’s distinctive music play is an invitation to children, parents, and grandparents to sing and play together! Don’t forget to sign up for summer reading while you’re there! In case of inclement weather, concert will be held at Pickerington Main.

Monday Makers - Shamrock Wreath Monday, March 2, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Pickerington Main. St. Patrick’s Day fun – Create a wreath. Supplies limited; registration required.

Facebook LIVE Book Chat Mondays: March 2, April 6, May 4; 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Facebook). Join our Facebook LIVE discussion with author Jenn on her reading adventures! Join the chat to get personalized suggestions or watch the archived video later.

Writer’s Group Mondays: March 2, April 6, May 4, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Pickerington Main. Express your writing side and meet new friends in our writer’s club for adults with disabilities. This class meets twice a month and is open to all skill levels.

ACT Prep Class Tuesdays: March 10, April 14, May 5; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Sycamore Plaza. Registration required. Register online, in person, or by calling 614-837-4383.

Cricut Class - Felt Flowers with Enna Mulberry Monday, April 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Pickerington Main. Join host guest Kate Spurlock of Enna Mulberry, a local crafting guru, who will help us create and assemble beautiful felt flowers for a spring wreath.

Cricut Class - Hello Spring Art Monday, May 18, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Pickerington Main. On the agenda for this class: Drawing with pens using the Cricut. Using these skills, we will create Hello Spring Art. All supplies provided.

United Way Tax Prep Thursdays, through April 9, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Pickerington Main. Free tax prep services are offered between January and April.