

Library volunteer appreciation and orientation opportunities

Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday, April 19 – Saturday, April 25
(Pickerington Main & Sycamore Plaza)
Happy Volunteer Appreciation Week!
Volunteers, allow us to show our appreciation of your time and talents! Visit our hospitality table at either location for beverages, snacks, and other goodies.

Volunteer Orientation

Sat, May 16, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (main)
Tues, May 19, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Sycamore)
Wed, May 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (main)
Wed, May 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (main)
Orientation is required each summer for volunteers who wish to help with the Summer Reading Registration and Prize Table. Attending orientation at Pickerington main or Sycamore Plaza

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 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

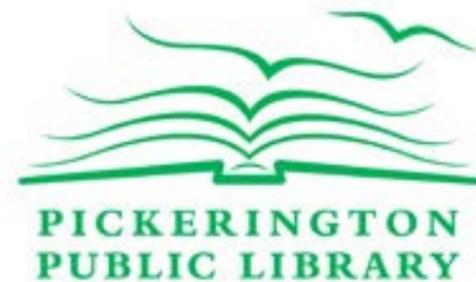
takes pride in every task she completes. When it comes to reading to the kids during early literacy classes, Elizabeth is a natural! She asks questions to keep the kids engaged and always provides the kids with positive encouragement. Customers and library staff look forward to working with her each 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.



Pickerington Main Library

201 Opportunity Way | Pickerington, OH 43147
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 614-837-4104

Sycamore Plaza Library

7861 Refugee Road | Pickerington, OH 43147
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 614-837-4383

Holiday Closures

CLOSED ALL DAY:
EASTER, APRIL 12
MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25

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MONTHLY STAFF PICKS

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

Someone Who Will Love You in All Your Damaged Glory by Raphael Bob-Waksberg
Staff: **Catie Polack**
This short story collection from the creator of BoJack Horseman kept me laughing the whole time.

The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman
Staff: **Laura Hanby**
When bookworm, Nina, learns the identity of her father after his death, she suddenly finds herself with a wealth of new family members.

In Dog We Trust by Beth Kendrick
Staff: **Colleen Bauman**
Jocelyn Hillier is named guardian for the late Mr. Allardyce's pack of pedigreed Labrador retrievers and it turns her world upside down.

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
Staff: **Lindsay Friedman**
Just Mercy is, at once, an unforgettable account of a young lawyer's coming of age and passion in the pursuit of justice.

House of Night By P.C. Cast
Staff: **Mia DeVries**
The 12 book series features a world very much like our own, except vampires have always existed and there are schools for vampire training.

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.

Kids

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



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

BookFLIX - Watch books come to life with video story books that read the story out loud with animated stories and games.

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*.

Music, Movies, TV:

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

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 Calette 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.

Starring Katy Duck

Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Everyone's favorite dancing duck is back in this Katy Duck adventure about conquering your fears.

The Goldfinch

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

Flipster

Browse the latest issues of popular magazines and newspapers

The library provides Flipster and hard copy versions of magazines such as *Car & Driver*, *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, browseable reading experience. Users can browse magazines by category as well as perform searches for specific periodicals.



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>.

Author VISIT

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



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.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE PICKERINGTON LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Pickerington Public Library Book Sale will be held April 1 - April 5.

The sale begins on Wednesday, April 1 with a special pre-sale for Friends members only (the public may join at the door).

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. - 8:00 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.



Mark Your Calendar

For more information about events or to register, visit pickeringtonlibrary.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 Sycamore's "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.



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://ohioimaginationlibrary.org/>. Forms are also available at both Pickerington Public Library locations.

Imagine Your Story

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 26.

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 Calem will lead a folk music sing-a-long; move & groove to the pulsing rhythms of the didge with Didgeridoo 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.



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 Neno, 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.



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; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
This 5-week cumulative course will introduce you to American Sign Language concepts at Sycamore Plaza. Registration required.

Join The Club: Read with Us!

Beyond Abilities Book Club
Mondays: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
(Pickerington Main)

First Drafts Book Club
Thursdays: 7:00 - 8:00 pm at
Combustion Brewery.

Brown Bag Book Club
Thursdays: March 19, April
16, May 21; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
(Pickerington Main)

STEAM Book Club
Mondays: March 23 &
April 27; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
(Pickerington Main)

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

Y(A) Not? Book Club
Wednesdays: 6:30 - 7:30
p.m. (Sycamore Plaza)

PPL Book Club
Tuesdays: March 17, April
21, May 19; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(Pickerington Main)



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)
Mondays: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at
Sycamore Plaza.

Preschool Pals (4 to 5-year-olds)
Tuesdays: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. at
Pickerington Main.

Rhyme Time (0 to 23-month-olds)
Wednesdays & Thursdays:
9:30 - 10:00 a.m. at Pickerington
Main.

Sensory Stories and Play
(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(s): March 7,
April 4, May 2; 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. at
Sycamore Plaza.

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

Family Fun
Saturdays: March 14, 21, 28; April
11, 18, 25; May 9, 16, 23; 10:00 -
10:30 a.m. at Pickerington Main.

Tales with the Tigers
Tues, May 5; 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. &
1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Wed, May 6; 10:00 -
10:45 a.m. & 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.
at Pickerington Main. Tales with the
Tigers is an exciting collaborative
partnership between PHSC English
Teacher Mr. Pete Planisek, his stu-
dents, and our early literacy classes.

**Turtle Time - Presented by
Newport Aquarium's WAVE on
Wheels**
Saturday, March 14 2:00 - 3:00
p.m. at Sycamore Plaza. Newport
Aquarium's WAVE on Wheels is back
with a turtle-riffic event! Reserve
your spot! Register in person, online,
or by calling 614-837-4383.

Homeschool Connect
Fridays: March 20, April 17, May
15; 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Pickerington
Main. Homeschool Connect is a great
way to make connections and net-
work with other homeschool families.
Classes will focus on science, art,
literature, and more are designed for
children in grades K-5. Registration is
not required.

Merry Unbirthday Party
Tuesday, March 24; 12:00 - 2:00
p.m. at Sycamore Plaza. Join Violet
at Sycamore Plaza and play party
games, eat cake, drink punch and be
as mad as the Mad Hatter!

Early Literacy Playdate
Mondays: April 27, May 4, May 11;
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. & Thursdays: April
30, May 7, May 14; 10:00 - 11:00
a.m. at Sycamore Plaza Library.
Enjoy adult conversation while your
kids enjoy a couple of hours playing
with new toys and new friends!

Why are Bees so special?
Saturday, May 16, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at
Sycamore Plaza. Learn about bees
from our friends from Bring the Farm
to You. No live bees will be present
during the presentation.



EVENTS

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 of
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.

TEENS

ACT Prep Class
Wednesdays: March 18 &
May 20 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at
Sycamore Plaza. Registration
is required. Register online,
in person, or by calling 614-
837-4383.

ADULTS

Beyond Abilities Art Club
Mondays: March 2 & 16;
April 6 & 20; May 4 &
18; 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at
Pickerington Main.
Express your creative side
and meet new friends in our
art club for adults with disabili-
ties. This class meets twice a
month and is open to all skill
levels.

TECH WEEK!

We have a full schedule
of classes to help you
become the tech geek 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 intro-
duce programming and
coding skills.

**Tuesday, March 3, 12:00
– 2:00 p.m. (Pickerington
Main only)**
Introduction to Cricut!
Learn how to use Cricut
with Inkscape to create a
simple craft.

**Wednesday, March
4, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
(Pickerington Main &
Sycamore Plaza)**
Bring your device or follow
along on ours for one on
one help learning how to
use our e-book and e-au-
dio book resources.

**Thursday, March 5, 12:00 –
2:00 p.m. (Pickerington Main
only)** Photo Editing using only
your phone! We will teach you
how to edit your photos using
the Snapseed application.



Monday Makers - Shamrock Wreath
Monday, March 2, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at
Pickerington Main. St. Patrick's Day fun
– Combine a wire frame and tied fabric to
create a shamrock wreath. Supplies limit-
ed; registration required.

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

Writer's Group
Tuesdays: March 3, April 7, May 5; 6:30 -
7:30 p.m. at Sycamore Plaza. Teens and
adults who enjoy writing can bring drafts of
their work to create, edit, revise and share
in a supportive writing community.

**Stitching 'N the Stacks - Yarn Craft
Group** Tuesdays: March 10, April 14, May
12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Pickerington Main.
A monthly meeting for beginners and
experienced crafters.

**Cricut Class - Felt Flowers with Enna
Mulberry**
Monday, April 20; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at
Pickerington Main. Join guest host Kate
Spurlock of Enna Mulberry, a local craft-
ing 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.

STEAM-y Saturdays

Saturdays: 2:00 – 3:00
p.m. (Sycamore Plaza)

March 7 - Pointillism
art style and paint-
ing technique.
Bring out your inner
Seurat! Families
will learn the history
behind this very spe-
cific painting style.

April 4 – Celebrate
Earth Day! Learn
fun and creative
ways your family can
support Earth Day.
Activities include bird-
seed 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 tem-
perature.

For more
information or
to register:
pickeringtonlibrary.org



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