Join us at our new South Branch Library location at 340 15th Street! The new location opened Monday, November 11, 2019. The South Branch Library offers the community a children’s room with computers, a play area, and a storytime nook; a teen room with computers, video game station, and booth seating for collaborative work; a Makerspace funded by OUR F.A.M.I.L.Y for hands-on learning; a meeting room for programming and community needs; and updated technology with laptops for adults to use in the Library as well as wireless printing! Check out books, movies, music, and more! We welcome you to visit us, get a library card, and enjoy the amenities of a modern library.

Celebrate National Library Week
April 19 - 25, 2020

Whether you are looking for traditional print materials or discovering yourself at one of our many programs there’s a place for you at every location of the Elyria Public Library System. Visit us all week long for special National Library Week events.

National Library Week Tea
Looking Back at Elyria: A Midwest City at Midcentury by Marci Rich

Friday, April 24th from 2:00-3:30 pm
West River Library • The Miller Room


Tea provided. Books will be available for purchase.

Tickets required, please call 440-324-9825 or visit the Central or West River reference desks. Tickets available beginning March 30.
Dear Friends,

There is an air of excitement around the Elyria Public Library System, and it’s not just anticipation of the holiday season. In this newsletter, we have information about lots of great programs in store for you in the coming months, as well as some personnel news, and a quick update on the building program.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Elyria Public Library System, I would like to welcome our newly appointed Fiscal Officer, Robert Schirhart. Rob comes to us with 20+ years of experience in public finance. He earned his Bachelor’s and MBA degrees from Baldwin Wallace and holds an Ohio Treasurer’s License. Rob is a resident of North Ridgeville, with his wife Kris and two children. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, golfing, and playing the drums. We are excited to have Rob on board.

The new South Branch, located at 340 15th Street, opened on November 11th. No one was more excited than Bobby Taylor, Jr. (pictured) who was on hand to welcome the community to our first Makerspace, which was funded by the OUR F.A.M.I.L.Y. Foundation, founded by his parents, Emma Jean and Bobby Ray Taylor Sr.

The South Branch renovation transformed a vacant, blighted building into a community asset. Be sure to stop by and see it. We’ve been told we set the bar high, and we look forward to continuing to amaze you with our new buildings.

On October 18, 2019, we broke ground for the new Keystone library, located on Commerce Drive in LaGrange. Sixty excited people were present for the groundbreaking ceremony. Pictured with Library Director, Lyn Crouse are Village of LaGrange Mayor Kim Strauss, and Mary Kay Gates of the Village Zoning Department. If you drive down Rt. 301 south of LaGrange, you will see that construction is underway.

We will be issuing a special newsletter in January 2020 to bring you fully up to date on the status of the entire building project.

Until then, I remain

Never bored, Lyn Crouse
Sherlock Holmes Meets the Bully of Baker Street
Saturday, February 22 @ 2 pm, All Ages
West River Branch Library

Enjoy this classic performance presented by the Great Lakes Theater.

Registration Required. Register online at www.elyrialibrary.org or call 440-324-9823.
YOUTH SERVICES  
440–324–9823

TEEN (Ages 10–18)

**Teen Dungeons & Dragons**
Select Mondays @ 5:30 pm
Jan 6, 20 • Feb 3, 17
March 2, 16, 30 • April 13, 27
If you ever wanted to learn to play D&D, here’s your chance!

**Teen Awesome Explosion Time**
Select Thursdays @ 6 pm,
Ages 12 -18, RR
Join in on the action with fun activities.
Jan 9 - S’more Off!
Jan 16 - Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt
Feb 13 - Chocolate Challenge
Feb 20 - VR Game Night
March 12 - Marshmallow Madness
March 19 - Crayon Melting Art

**Teen Advisory Board**
Saturday, Feb 22 @ 9:30 am
Tell us what you want to see at the library – this looks great on college and job apps!

**Movie Nights**
4th Thursdays @ 5:30-7:30 pm
Explore new and classic live action and anime movies. Snacks provided!

**Podcast Workshop**
4th Saturdays @ 10 am – 12 pm,
Ages 12-18, RR
Learn about podcasts; record an episode.

**Legend of Zelda Escape Room**
Saturday, April 18 @ 1–4 pm, All Ages
West River Branch Library
Explore and solve puzzles to rescue the Princess Zelda from the clutches of evil. (Two rooms based on age: 0-12 and 12+)

Registration required. Register in-person or call 440-324-9823.

ADULTS

**Crochet Collective**
Select Thursdays @ 6 pm, RR
Jan 2, 16 & 30 • Feb 6 & 20
Come to the library to learn simple stitches, work on your own projects, and chat with fellow crocheters.

**Tasting Tuesdays**
Select Tuesdays @ 6 pm, RR
Learn the food’s history and sample!
Jan 7 - Hot Chocolate
Feb 4 - Salad Dressing
March 3 - Peanut Butter
April 7 - Whipped Cream

**Crafting on a Budget**
Select Mondays, @ 5 pm, RR
Gather together for streamlined crafts.
January 13 - 3D Pop-Up Book
January 27 - Tea & Coffee Signs
February 10 - White Chocolate Bark
February 24 - Sun Catchers
March 9 - Mini Straw Hats
March 23 - No Sew Sock Bunny
April 13 - Hedgehog Planter
April 27 - Napkin Wreath

**Adult Short Story Hour**
Thursday, Jan 23 @ 1:30 pm, RR
Story time – it’s not just for kids. Listen and discuss a short story by Edgar Allen Poe.

**Wellness Programs**

**Diabetes Empowerment Education**
Select Mondays @ 1:30-4 pm
January 6, 13, 20, & 27 • Feb 3 & 10
An interactive workshop to help people take control of their disease and reduce the risk of complications. Workshop meets for two hours for six weeks.

**Matter of Balance**
Select Fridays @ 1-3 pm
February 14, 21, 28 • March 6, 13, 20 & 27 • April 3
A nationally-recognized program to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels. Workshops are held for two hours once a week for eight weeks.

**Madame President**
Tuesday, March 10 @ 6 pm,
Miller Room, RR
Victoria Woodhill was the first woman to run for president. Come hear her exciting story and learn about the trials and tribulations she went through.

**Kitchen Herbalism**
Wednesday, Feb 19 @ 6 pm, RR
Earth.Wisdom.Wellness will guide you through an assortment of common kitchen herbs and spices along with the basic tools needed to create your own herbal remedies at home. Participants will have the opportunity to sample some of the remedies covered in class as well as receive a handout with recipes and an herb list.

Both programs are led by Diana Walsh of Fairhill Partners. Registration is required for both programs. No new registrations after the second class date.

**LEGEND OF ZELDA**
**ESCAPE ROOM**
Saturday, April 18 @ 1-4 pm, All Ages
West River Branch Library
Explore and solve puzzles to rescue the Princess Zelda from the clutches of evil. (Two rooms based on age: 0-12 and 12+)

Registration required. Register in-person or call 440-324-9823.
The Kent State Shootings: Fifty Years On

Tuesday April 21 at 6:30 pm
West River Branch Library • Miller Room • RR

Fifty years ago, May 4, 1970, members of the Ohio National Guard killed four students and wounded nine when they fired their weapons during a confrontation over the Vietnam War at Kent State University. Lasting all of thirteen seconds, the shootings have reverberated both in the personal memories of those who were there and the larger historical memory. This talk examines the contours of the battle over the meaning and memory of the shootings, a seminal event of the 1960s. The event illuminates not only the specific tensions and issues of the era, but also broader questions about democracy, authority, and violence.

Dr. Gregory Wilson is Professor of History at the University of Akron where he teaches courses in United States, Ohio, environmental, and public history. His published work includes Above the Shots: An Oral History of the Kent State Shootings (with Craig Simpson), Ohio: A History of the Buckeye State (with Kevin F. Kern), and Communities Left Behind: The Area Redevelopment Administration, 1945 – 1965.

Registration required. Call 440-324-9825 or visit www.elyrialibrary.org.
KIDS

Game Day at the Library
Saturdays, Jan 4 - April 25,
All Day, Ages 6-11, RR
Stop in to play one of our many games
for a chance to win a prize.

Make-It-Take-It Saturdays
Select Saturdays, All Day, Ages 5-12
Jan 11, 25 • Feb 8, 22 • March 7, 21
April 4, 18
Drop in during the day to make a fun,
new craft!

Valen-Science
Saturday, Feb 8 @ 2 pm, Ages 5-11, RR
Experiments with candy, valentines
themed coding and more!

Mother and Daughter Art Class
Thursday, April 16 @ 6 pm,
Ages 8-12, RR
Learn how to paint with watercolors to
create a spring themed painting.

Earth Science Fair
Thursday, April 23 @ 6 pm, Ages 6-11 RR
Spend Earth Day with crafts, experiments,
and more while exploring the mysteries
of the world.

FAMILY

Family Zentangle Session
Saturday, Jan 11 @ 2 pm, RR
Relax together as a family with some
winter themed zentangle doodling.

Minute to Win It!
Thursday, Feb 20 @ 6:30 pm, RR
Beat the winter blues with our Family
Minute to Win It challenges!

Fractured Fairy Tales Puppet Show
Thursday, March 26 @ 6 pm, RR
A fractured retelling of your favorite
fairy tales.

Family Papercrafts
Saturday, March 28 @ 2 pm, RR
Celebrate National Craft Month with
origami and crafts using paper.

Teen (Ages 11-18)

Magic the Gathering Meet-Up
Select Thursdays @ 6:30 pm, RR
Jan 2 • Feb 6 • March 5 • April 2
Sharpen your Magic: The Gathering
skills at this new monthly meet-up!

DIY Teen: String Art
Saturday, Jan 25 @ 3 pm, RR
Create your own string art.

Anti-Valentine’s Day
Saturday, Feb 22 @ 3 pm, RR
Reject all things Valentine’s Day by
making a voodoo doll and eating candy.

Teen Break-It Space
Saturday, March 21 @ 3 pm, RR
Learn about old technology by
destroying it.

DIY Teen: Stained Glass Art
Saturday, April 11 @ 3 pm, RR
Create your own faux stained glass art.
ADULTS

Just Craftin’ Around
Select Wednesdays @ 6:30, RR
Join other crafters for the monthly project.
Jan 22 – Heart-Shaped Box
Feb 26 – Snowflake Pin
March 25 – Wood & Paper Maché Eggs
April 22 – Giant Clothespin Picture Holder

Yoga Flow
Saturdays, @ 10:30 am, Feb 1 - April 25, RR
Sessions are open to all ability levels.

Hand-Made Cards
Select Thursdays @ 6:30 pm, RR
Jan 9 • Feb 6 • March 5 • April 2
Get creative with a fresh hand-made card design every month. Supplies provided.

Scrapbooking
Select Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm, RR
Feb 12 • April 8
Share and save your memories by creating a scrapbook page. Bring your own photos, all other supplies provided.

Knit Nights
Select Mondays, @ 6:30 pm, RR
Feb 24 • March 23 • April 27
Want to learn how to knit? Have a knitting project you’re working on? Come join us for Knit Night. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own needles.

Art of Stone
Tuesday, March 31 @ 6:30 pm, RR
Transform rocks into hatching chicks.

Essential Oils for Mood Support
Wednesday, Feb 5 @ 6:30 pm, RR
Aroma can powerfully impact the way we feel. This time of year we tend to feel a little more down with the lack of sun. Come out for an educational evening to learn how you can influence your emotions with the power of aroma through pure essential oils!

Lorain County Historical Society

Guest Speakers

History of Valentines
Monday, February 3 @ 6:30 pm • Scheide Room
Vintage valentines will be on display to help tell the history of this romantic tradition.

Rose Moriarty, Elyria Suffragette
Wednesday, April 1 @ 6:30 pm • Scheide Room
Elyria’s “Petticoat Mayor” recounts her struggles in 1917 to help get women the right to vote.

Programs suitable for both Teens and Adults.
Registration required. Please call 440-322-0461 or visit www.elyrialibrary.org.

Evening Book Discussion

Third Wednesdays • 7:00 pm • Scheide Room
January 15 - Boomtown by Sam Anderson
February 19 - Number One Chinese Restaurant by Lillian Li
March 18 - A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell
April 15 - Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
May 20 - Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

May 4th Voices by David Hassler: an Author Talk

Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm • Central Library • Scheide Room • RR

On May 4, 1970, four students were killed and nine injured on the campus of Kent State University by Ohio National Guard during a Vietnam War protest. Nearly forty years later, David scripted a play, May 4th Voices, based on the ongoing Kent State Shootings Oral History Project. This talk includes readings of excerpts from the play and discussion about the process of writing and staging; as well as the power of testimony in the oral history archives, which includes over 110 interviews that document first-person narratives and personal reactions to the events of May 4, 1970.

David Hassler is the Director of the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University and is the author of Growing Season: The Life of a Migrant Community and May 4th Voices: Speaking through the Wound of the Kent State Shootings.

Registration required. Call 440-322-0461 or visit www.elyrialibrary.org.
**KIDS**

**Storytime**
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am, Ages 0-5
Jan 14 - Mar 3 & Mar 24 - May 12
Stop in each week for themed stories and a craft.

**Lego Club**
Tuesdays @ 4 pm, Ages 6-12
Jan 14 - April 28
Join other Lego® fans as your imagination runs wild.

**Pop-Up Book Creations**
Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 pm, Ages 8-12, RR
Celebrate National Library Week with a pop-up book of your own.

**How-To: Cookie Decorating**
Monday, Feb 3 @ 4:30 pm, Ages 10-18
Get sweet by styling a sugar cookie.

**How-To: Bullet Journal**
Monday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm, Ages 10-18
Stay organized with bullet journaling tricks.

**How-To: Car Cleaning**
Monday, April 6 @ 4:30 pm, Ages 14-18
Learn how to keep your car clean before all your summer travels.

**Heart Brooch**
Monday, Feb 17 @ 6:30 pm, RR
Celebrate Heart Month with this feel good craft that will stay close to the heart.

**Sock Bunny**
Monday, March 16 @ 6:30 pm, RR
No sewing required! Create a no sew sock bunny to help you spring into the new season.

**DIY Seed Bomb**
Monday, April 20 @ 6:30 pm, RR
A little clay, a little seed, a little soil, and a lot of love makes the earth a happy place to be. Join us to create a seed bomb for your garden.

**Keystone Book Nook Club**
Select Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm, RR
Chat about this month’s book in a cozy atmosphere with friends.
Jan 15 - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Feb 19 - Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stout
March 18 - My Lovely Wife by Samantha Downing
April 13 - Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
May 20 - Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

**How-TO FOR TWEENS & TEENS!**

**How-To: Cookie Decorating**
Monday, Feb 3 @ 4:30 pm, Ages 10-18
Get sweet by styling a sugar cookie.

**How-To: Bullet Journal**
Monday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm, Ages 10-18
Stay organized with bullet journaling tricks.

**How-To: Car Cleaning**
Monday, April 6 @ 4:30 pm, Ages 14-18
Learn how to keep your car clean before all your summer travels.

Registration required for all programs.

**LAB RATS**
4th Thursday of the Month
6:30 pm, Ages 8-12, RR
Exercise your brain with these scientific explorations.
January 23 – Lego Challenge
February 27 – Rubber Band Racers
March 26 – Homemade Chia Pets
April 23 – Earth Day Slime

**GRAPHIC NOVEL GEEKS**
2nd Monday of the Month @ 6 pm, Ages 8-12, RR

February 10 - Smile by Raina Telgemeier
March 9 - Catwad: It’s Me by Jim Beton
April 13 - The Baby-Sitters Club: Kristy’s Great Idea by Raina Telgemeier

**How-To: Cookie Decorating**
Monday, Feb 3 @ 4:30 pm, Ages 10-18
Get sweet by styling a sugar cookie.

**How-To: Bullet Journal**
Monday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm, Ages 10-18
Stay organized with bullet journaling tricks.

**How-To: Car Cleaning**
Monday, April 6 @ 4:30 pm, Ages 14-18
Learn how to keep your car clean before all your summer travels.

Registration required for all programs.

Phone – 440-355-6323
Makerspace is open to all ages! Check out these events:

**Discover, explore, and create in the new Makerspace!**

**4 pm, Ages 8 and up, RR**

**Maker Mondays**
Jan 27 • Feb 24 • March 30 • April 20

**Tinker Tuesdays**
Jan 21 • Feb 11 • March 10

**Wacky Science Wednesdays**
Jan 15 • Feb 19 • March 18 • April 29

**Tasty Treat Thursdays**
Jan 9 • Feb 6 • March 5 • April 16

**The Makerspace isn’t just for kids!**

**Makerspace Intro**
Jan 8 • Jan 22 @ 2 pm; Jan 14 @ 6:30 pm
Jan 15 • Jan 24 • Jan 29 @ 10 am

**Clothing Upkeep 101**
Thursday, February 3 @ 6 pm

**Tinker Tuesday: Laptops**
Tuesday, March 3 @ 6:30 pm

**Essential Oil Bracelet**
Thursday, March 19 @ 6 pm, RR

**Homemade Remedies**
Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm

**KIDS**

**Music & Movement Storytime**
Mondays @ 11 am, Ages 0 - 5
Jan 13-Mar 2 & Mar 23-May 11
Come sing, dance, and enjoy stories.

**Lego Club**
Select Mondays @ 4 pm, Ages 6+, RR
Jan 28 • Feb 25 • March 31 • April 28
Celebrate National Lego Day with our first Lego Club of 2020!

**Duct Tape Wallet**
Monday, Feb 10 @ 4 pm, Ages 8-12, RR
Come craft with duct tape!

**Preschool Valentine’s Day Party**
Friday, Feb 14 @ 11 am, Ages 3-5, RR
Heart-filled stories, activities, and crafts.

**Spring Break Spectacular**
Select Days @ 2 pm, Ages 5-12, RR
Join us during spring break week for an activity everyday.
Monday, April 6 - Life-Sized Candyland
Tuesday, April 7 - Crazy Crafts
Wednesday, April 8 - Super Slime Time
Thursday, April 9 - Switch Tournaments

**Earth Day Celebration**
Wednesday, April 22 @ 6 pm, Ages 8-12, RR
Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day with hands-on STEM activities with Miss Sally from OSU Extension 4-H.

**TEEN**

**MLK Oculus Quest**
Monday, Jan 20 @ 2 pm, RR
Celebrate MLK Day by stepping into a different time period using VR. Stay a little longer for VR fun and games.

**Nintendo Switch Tournaments**
Select Thursdays @ 4 pm, Ages 10+, RR
Jan 23 • Feb 20 • March 12
Battle your friends in various Mario themed video games.

**President’s Day Trivia Challenge**
Monday, Feb 17 @ 2 pm, Ages 12+
Jeopardy-style battle with friends.

**Paper Circuits**
Monday, March 23 @ 4 pm, Ages 12+, RR
Learn about circuits and light up a paper craft.

**ADULT**

**Magic the Gathering: Commander**
1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 5:30 pm, RR
Bring your EDH casual deck and jump into the fray.

**T-Shirt Tote Bag**
Thursday, Jan 16 @ 6 pm, RR
Upcycle your old t-shirts into a reusable tote bag; please bring an old T-shirt to use.

**Machine Quilting for Beginners**
Saturday, Feb 22 @ 2 pm, RR
Come and learn how to put together a basic 4 patch quilt. Must bring own Sewing Machine!

**Mason Jar Lid Sun Catcher**
Thursday, April 30 @ 6 pm, RR
Celebrate spring by making a sun catcher for your kitchen window.

**CLUE ESCAPE ROOM**
Friday April 10 & Saturday April 11 @ 2 pm • Ages 8-12
Solve the mystery and find the culprit at our Clue Escape Room!

Registration required. Register in-person or call 440-323-7519.
VR Family Day - West River Branch Library
Saturday, Jan 25 @ 9 am - 4 pm, Family, RR
Are you interested in trying out virtual reality headsets alongside your family and friends? Please call 440-324-9831 to reserve a time slot for your group.

VR: Game Night - West River Branch Library
Second Monday of Month @ 6:30pm, Adult, RR
Test your gaming skills with VR.
Jan 6 - Oculus Quest Intro
Feb 3 - Beat Saber
March 2 - Job Simulator
April 6 - Tilt Brush

Virtual Reality: Exploration - Central Library
First Friday of Month @ 2 pm, Adult, RR
See a whole new world through VR.
Jan 10 - 360 degree videos
Feb 14 - National Geographic
March 13 - Travel the World with VR
April 10 - Nature Treks

FRED Talk: Introduction to Virtual Reality
Wednesday, February 26 @ 12 pm, Adult
Learn about the technology of VR.

FRED Talk: Females in Cartoon Art & Comics
Tuesday, March 24 @ 12 pm, Adult
Celebrate Women’s History Month with a presentation of the Ladies First exhibit located at the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum at The Ohio State University.
Thanks again for another successful Big Book Sale!

We are already at work sorting books for the 2020 sale. More volunteers are always welcome, so please consider joining the Friends of the EPLS today. Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Small Conference Room at the Central Library.

Visit [http://elyrialibrary.org/EPLFriends_Home.html](http://elyrialibrary.org/EPLFriends_Home.html) to download a membership form or pick one up at any of the circulation desks today!

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**Books & Brunch Where the Journey Leads**

Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 - 11:30 am

LaGrange Methodist Church, 105 W. Main St. LaGrange, OH 44050

**Featured Authors**

Deborah Gilder
Marcia James
Christine Laforet
Kelly Boyer Sagert

$12 tickets available in February

Check our website and Facebook page for more information:

Website - [http://elyrialibrary.org/KLCLFriends_Home.html](http://elyrialibrary.org/KLCLFriends_Home.html)
Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/keystonelagrangelibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/keystonelagrangelibrary/)

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The purpose of the Friends is to support and cooperate with the library in enhancing services and facilities in the community. To accomplish this, the Friends shall maintain a membership of persons interested in the success of the Keystone-LaGrange Public Library; promote public awareness of library facilities, services and needs; encourage, solicit and receive gifts and bequests.
Calling All Pet Art!

During the month of May, celebrate National Pet Month at the Elyria Public Library System. We’ll have an art show for all animal lovers.

Submit your artwork or photographs of your pet, even artwork your pet has created! Submissions can be sent via email to Jennifer Harmon, Small Branch Manager at jennifer.harmon@elyrialibrary.org.

West River Branch Library
Volunteer-based tax service provided by the Lorain County Free Tax Prep Coalition.

Super Saturdays - February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 10 am - 3 pm
Mondays - Starting February 3 from 2-7 pm
Thursdays - Starting February 6 from 2-7 pm
Saturdays - February 1 - April 11 from 10 am - 3 pm
Last Day - Wednesday, April 15 from Noon - 7 pm
Call 2-1-1 for more information.

http://elyrialibrary.org/Taxes.html