DAYTON METRO LIBRARY
Program Highlights
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Your Night at your NEW West Branch Library
It's time to turn the page and discover your new West Branch Library. Find out more on pages 2-3!

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Artists renderings of the West Branch by LWC, Inc.
The countdown is on! Soon, our new West Branch will be open to the public, and we can’t wait! First thing, final touches need to be made, and the two Branches that are merging to form the new one need to prepare. In the coming months, the Madden Hills and Westwood Branches will ready their facilities to close and make the big move.

A prelude to the grand opening is set for a November Night, scheduled to take place on Friday, November 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. Our new West Branch will open in early 2022, and we can’t wait! Here is a sneak peek at what to expect when it opens.

**Laptop Lending**

**AWE computer stations for early learning**

**A Tech Studio**

**A Technology Lab**

**TeenEDGE with a PlayStation 5**

**An outdoor patio and interactive Percussion Play area**

**An Adult area with a cozy fireplace**

**Five original art installations as part of ReImagining Works program**

**Comfortable seating & amenities designed with the community in mind**

**ART DEFINING A COMMUNITY**

Something unique to our new Branches are the contributions of art from local artists through a project called ReImagining Works. This project is a partnership between the Dayton Metro Library and the Dayton Art Institute to commission original artwork for each of the newly built/renovated Branches.

**Dayton artist James Pate** created a large oil painting entitled ReImagining Works, depicting a child with outstretched arms symbolically embracing Dayton’s musical, literary, and scientific heritage. The work, executed in Pate’s signature representational style, will be featured in the Marketplace.

**Cincinnati artist Cedric Michael Cox** works in a style that falls between surrealism and abstract representation. His 8’ x 10’ acrylic painting, Ascending Beyond, references the atmospheric elements of the Norman Lewis work, along with some of the architectural features of the new Library. Forms interweave and interact with each other to create a unified whole.

**Dayton artist Kevin Harris’** 9’ x 20’ work entitled Domain of Do references the Bwa people’s ceremony, featuring the Nwantantay Mask. This highly colored, rhythmic work will be digitally designed and printed on canvas.

**Dayton artist Willis “Bing” Davis** and his son, Derrick Davis, collaborated on a new work, Nwantantay Mask for Norman Lewis. Their oil pastel piece offers an interpretation of both the Bwa mask, with its geometric shapes, and the rhythmic, abstract work of Norman Lewis in Cantata.

**Cincinnati artist Susan Byrnes,** working in collaboration with Dayton choreographer and multidisciplinary artist Rodney Veal, created a dance work with its geometric shapes, and the rhythmic, abstract work of Norman Lewis in Cantata.

**The GIFT OF SONG**

Before the Modern Branch was renovated, it housed a quote from one of Paul Laurence Dunbar’s poems called Compensation, which was etched into granite. The quote now has a new home in the Adult area of the new West Branch.

“Because I had loved so deeply, because I had loved so long, God in his great compassion, gave me the gift of song.”

– PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

With all the amenities the new West Branch will offer, along with the artwork, the tribute to Dunbar, and the historic location, the new Branch is sure to be a “gift of song” for the community.

**DAYTON METRO LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

The Dayton Metro Library Foundation invites the public to attend a Novel Night, Friday, November 19, 2021, from 7 to 10 p.m. This event celebrates and honors the Library’s newest Branch, a merger of the Madden Hills and Westwood Branches, the West Branch. The new Branch is located at 300 Abbey Avenue, off Route 35 and West Third Street.

West Dayton has a profound history that brings the community alive with passion. It is home to notable key Daytonians: Paul Laurence Dunbar and aviation founders, the Wright Brothers. Their birthplaces are just a few miles from the new Branch.

“Gift of Song” will be reflected in a Percussion Play installation part of Learn to Earn’s Play On Purpose Initiative that supports learning through interaction between children and their caregivers.

**Event Details**

This event is planned by the Dayton Metro Library Foundation, and tickets are $75 per person. Cocktail attire is requested. Guests should plan for a fun-filled evening to help celebrate and welcome our new Branch. There will be a mix and mingle evening with live music, spoken word performances, food, beverages, hands-on art activities, a silent book sale, and games found every corner. Tickets are available at DaytonMetroLibrary.org/NovelNight.

Tickets for a Novel Night are on sale at the time of this publication, and it is planned as an in-person event. A Safari is anticipated, however, COVID-19 and its variants could alter the evening’s events.

**A NEW NOVEL NIGHT COMES TO WEST BRANCH**

For more information about these new amenities and the new Branch, please visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org. To help represent this history and feed community passion, monies raised from a Novel Night will be reflected in a Percussion Play installation at the Branch. This installation is part of Learn to Earn’s Play On Purpose Initiative that supports learning through interaction between children and their caregivers.

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BECOMING A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

The group consists of members of all ages who love and support the Dayton Metro Library. Such support is made in the way of purchasing an annual membership in one of the following amounts:

- Student/Senior Friend: $5
- Friend: $25
- Close Friend: $50
- Best Friend: $100
- Business Friend: $200

The Friends of the Library are registered with the state and the member dues could possibly be tax deductible. They have a nine-member executive committee that meets once a month to review grant requests, and they plan activities, such as book sales. Other programs and events are a part of inclusion:

- The Summer Challenge: In 2018, the Friends funded the grand prize experience tickets to the Philharmonster concert. They also contributed to the grand prize after-hours takeover event at Boomsholt in 2019. In 2020 and 2021, they provided funds to support the overall program.
- First Club: This program makes sure every first grader in the Dayton Metro Library service area has a Library card in their hand. In the past, the Friends helped cover class pizza parties.
- LEGO programs: This program conducted at select Branches educates STEM awareness to youth from elementary school age through teens.
- The Poetry Contest: The contest gives writers a chance to gather and share their work; the Friends have funded the prize money as well as the awards ceremony.
- Undesign the Redline: Their contributions helped deliver awareness of the process of “redlining” to the public and helped fund the creation of a videography for the exhibit. They also helped cover transportation costs for schools that had arranged class field trips to see it.

Even during the pandemic, the Friends of the Library have extended support to the Library. Amanda Arrington, Volunteer Services Manager for the Dayton Metro Library, comments on the Friends’ funding capabilities:

“In 2021, they approved funding for the Undesign the Redline exhibit. The Dayton Metro Library was the first in the Dayton area to host the enlightening and powerful exhibit about ‘redlining maps,’ which was on display at the Main Library in August and September. They also helped fund the first Hispanic Heritage event that was held in September at the Southeast Library.”

They also have a book sale coming up at our Wilmington-Stroop Branch Library. Friends can shop from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 29, and the public can shop from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 6. New Friends of the Library members are welcome to join in advance online or at the door.

The sale will include books for children, teens, and adults, as well as music, movies, and audiobooks. Books are $1 each, and mass market paperbacks and all audio video material will be buy one, get one free.

All proceeds of the Book Sale benefit Friends of the Library for Dayton Metro Library.

The Friends can be followed on Facebook for updates on events. To become a member, or for more information on the organization, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Friends or call the Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

Using a Dayton Metro Library card opens doors of possibilities!

Patrons can apply through the Dayton Metro Library website with an email. You can download or stream material from our platforms; access material from our newspapers, genealogy resources, and scholarly journals, and use the Library’s online learning tools.

“With a physical card, you can do everything previously mentioned, plus check out books, magazines, music CDs, and DVDs at all Branches. A physical card also allows patrons to receive materials via Interlibrary Loan (ILL), where we can locate books for you from other library systems if the Dayton Metro Library doesn’t have what you are looking for.”

Getting a Dayton Metro Library card is super easy. Visit any local Branch to learn more about the application process for a Library card, as staff at the Ask Me Desk will be more than happy to share all the details and benefits with you. You can also call the Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665 or visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org for more information about our Library card process.

Using Your Library Card

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Streaming apps are all the rage these days. Dayton Metro Library offers many streaming apps that are free for Library card holders.

**OverDrive:**
eBooks and eAudiobooks (broken down into kids, teens, and magazine categories)

**kanopy:**
Access classic and Indie films and documentaries

**hoopla:**
eAudiobooks, eBooks, eComics, and streaming music and video

**pressreader:**
It's our newest (non-streaming) application that offers access to newspapers and magazines from all over the world...

**tibby:**
Access to magazines

Our databases don’t stop there. As we continue to strive to meet the needs of our communities, the Dayton Metro Library has recently introduced two new research databases, dedicated to African American history and research, which adds to several African American research-focused databases we already have.

**NEW! African American Research Databases:**

On October 4, 2021, the Dayton Metro Library introduced two new African American research databases into our Digital Collection: Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive and Archives Unbound.

**Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive** traces the global history of slavery between the 17th and 19th centuries. Database users can explore the history of slavery and anti-slavery through four archives: Debates over Slavery and Abolition, Slave Trade in the Atlantic World, the Institution of Slavery, and the Age of Emancipation. The archives have individual collections of documents - over five million pages of material from different countries that document the history of slave trade.

**Archives Unbound** offers access to topically-focused digital collections by using historical documents that support the research and study needs of anyone using the database. Archives Unbound has been uniquely put together and offers approximately 12 different collection titles covering a variety of sub-topics relating to African American history.

The new databases are a welcome addition to the other African American research databases the Library offers: Black Freedom Struggle, African American Heritage, and African American History.

**Existing DML African American Databases:**

The **Black Freedom Struggle** database houses about 1,600 documents that break down six different phases (featured subjects) of Black Freedom, taking researchers through the late 1700's with the Abolitionist Movement all the way to the Contemporary Era of 1976-2000.

With access to **African American Heritage,** researchers can conduct a name search to search the database collections, visit the AfriGeneas Community, explore the Black Genesis, and review reference and how-to material.

Our **African American History** database, powered by Infobase, offers resources such as primary sources, maps and graphs, videos and slideshows, featured people, and “Curriculum Tools” to search any aspect of African American history of interest to a researcher.

The databases mentioned above are free and can be accessed by visiting DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Research.
Dayton Metro Library’s Take & Make Kit

Exercise the Mind

Since the Dayton Metro Library began distributing Take and Make Kits as the Library opened back up during the COVID-19 pandemic, “Patrons love them,” notes Julie Buchanan, Programming Manager at Dayton Metro Library. “The activities are completed at home, but when we hand them out, the Kits provide an opportunity for our staff to engage with patrons and children while remaining socially distant.”

Each month’s theme has program partners including businesses, organizations, museums, and individuals, and DML volunteers help assemble the Kits. Additional volunteers from WPAFB, Target, DECA High School, Kettering Schools, Kiwanis Club of South Metro, and others have graciously lent their time.

The Kits offer a variety of activities geared toward families and Pre-K, students in grades 1-6, and teens. The activities allow everyone in the family to explore a new aspect of nature, water, storytelling, and flight, with more to come.

Dayton Metro Library Take and Make Kits are kindly sponsored by College Advantage and The Dayton Metro Library Foundation.

Supplies don’t last long, so get one as soon as you can!

For additional information about these virtual programs, or to register for one, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Programs or call the Ask Me Line at 937.463.2665.

For Grades 1-6 & Tweens:
AIR BRUSH ART
MON, 11/8 – SAT, 11/20
Trotwood Branch Library
Try out a Crayola Marker Airbrush kit during open hours!

For Teens: TEEN DIY:
POKEMON TERRARIUMS
THUR, 11/18 | 3:30-5 PM
Brookville Branch Library

PERLER BEADS
THUR, 12/9 | 3:30-5 PM
Brookville Branch Library
Registration required for both.
The middle school years are formative ones. It's when young students begin developing thoughts about career fields. They are gaining awareness of their future potential and they're asking great questions, which is what makes something like Career Adventures Day so important. One goal the Library strives to meet with hosting Career Adventures Day is to make sure we expand the learning horizons of those participating.

"Offering an avenue of career exploration to our visiting students is one way to help build the workforce of the future," said Diane Farrell, External Relations and Development Director for the Dayton Metro Library.

Students will explore advanced manufacturing, health and biosciences, IT, aerospace and logistics, entrepreneurship, education, and public service. On Thursday, November 4 and Friday, November 5, Dayton Metro Library will host their second annual Career Adventures Day. Students from urban, suburban, and rural communities in the Dayton area will be invited to attend. Over the course of the two-day event, the Library expects to see 900+ students from the region.

The West Branch will open its doors in early 2022. We anticipate that next spring, our new Burkhardt Branch will be ready to open. By early fall of 2022, residents in the Northmont area can look forward to their new Branch. Finally, the Dayton Metro Library’s capstone project, the new Huber Heights Branch is planned for completion early in spring of 2023. Stay tuned for updates at DaytonMetroLibrary.org!

For a complete list of activities, visit our online events calendar at DaytonMetroLibrary.org.
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NEW CHILDREN & TWEEN BOOKS

NEW TEEN BOOKS

NEW ADULT FICTION BOOKS

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