

150 YEARS OF SERVICE

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SESQUICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS SPRING 2024

The Akron-Summit County Public Library is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2024. Throughout the year, we have a wide range of programs for all ages, focused on the themes of our neighbors, our communities, the library, and local history.

Here are some of the Spring programs for you to enjoy:

Little Art Show Kickoff for Adults

Ellet, Fairlawn-Bath, Firestone Park, Goodyear, Green, Highland Square, Kenmore, Mogadore, Norton, Richfield, Portage Lakes, and Springfield-Lakemore Branch Libraries
Tuesday, March 5, 3 – 8 pm

In celebration of the Library's 150 years of service, create an original art piece showing what your library means to you.

The History of Springfield Lake

Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library
Saturday, March 9, 12 – 3 pm

Learn the history of Springfield Lake with Summit Soil & Water Conservation District.

Food & Friends: 150 Years of Good Reads and Good Food

Green Branch Library
Saturday, March 9, 1 – 2 pm

Share a dish, a recipe, and a good time with us — the theme is historical family favorites.

Tuscarawas River: Watering the Seeds of Industry

Firestone Park Branch Library
Thursday, March 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Learn how the rich waterway and its surrounding wetlands have been transformed to the present day. Presented by Summit County Metro Parks.

History of the Akron Library

Tallmadge Branch Library
Monday, March 18, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Learn the history of the Akron-Summit County Public Library from its roots to the present day. Presented by Brian Salmon, local historian and Librarian.

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Library Craft Hour for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

Portage Lakes Branch Library

Saturday, April 6, 2 – 3 pm

Make library and book-related crafts for the library's 150th celebration. Space is limited; registration requested beginning March 23.

Lost Voices of Northeastern Ohio

Highland Square Branch Library

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Green Branch Library

Monday, April 29, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Ray Carmen presents an hour of audio ephemera, from old local radio broadcasts to a few special moments in ASCPL history.

Akron on Foot

Main Library

Saturday, April 27, 2 – 3:30 pm

A short walking tour of Akron's history — listen to the words of Jesse Owens, Mark Twain, and Sojourner Truth in local spots where they were first spoken. Bring comfortable shoes, water, and an umbrella in case of rain.

Happy Birthday to the Library

Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library

Wednesday, May 15, 4 – 6 pm

Celebrate the library's 150th birthday with cake, crafts, and games intended for young and school age children.

Using Ancestry in Your Genealogy Research

Nordonia Hills Branch Library

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 – 8 pm

Learn about Ancestry, the premier online genealogy resource, free within any of our library locations.

Visit your local library for more events, resources, and services.

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