

HAPPENINGS

at your *Library*

JANUARY
2021

Aimee Fifarek, Library Executive Director



I HAVE A DREAM Martin Luther King DAY



ALL MAHONING COUNTY LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED ON MON., JAN. 18, IN REMEMBRANCE OF DR. KING'S LEGACY.

Roaring 20's



for Adult Summer Readers

A Virtual Celebration!

Learn how to make Mocktails, listen to local live music, play trivia, and celebrate with your fellow Summer Readers. We are celebrating the Adult Summer Reading program of 2020! Adults who completed the 2020 Summer Discovery, will receive a kit containing complimentary Mocktail ingredients, available to pick up at your preferred library branch. Please register with an email address for your invitation. The organizer of the party will reach out to you beforehand: you will receive a Zoom invitation link, and will coordinate a date, time and location for you to pick up your Mocktail Kit.

Zoom, 7 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 20

COVID Journal

This has been an unprecedented experience. There are a lot of thoughts and emotions about the pandemic and the year in general, so let's document it. Writing, drawing, painting, singing, acting, interpretive dance, you name it! Share your thoughts on COVID and 2020 with us. We are gathering from staff and public alike, to create a COVID journal. Let's use these roller coaster times to stretch our creativity. Submit your masterpiece to the library at programmingdepartment@libraryvisit.org, or on Facebook @LibraryMahoningCounty



Library Joins Children's Hunger Alliance to Provide FREE Meals to Children

Free ready-to-eat meals will be available for pickup at the Newport and Michael Kusalaba branch libraries on Mon.-Thurs. from 2-6:30 p.m. and Fri.-Sat. from 2-5 p.m. (Please Note: in keeping with COVID precautions, meals cannot be eaten inside the libraries.)



FREE MEALS



Call 234-287-2020 Anytime

CALL & LISTEN TO STORIES READ BY PLYMC LIBRARIANS, AVAILABLE 24/7!

DIAL-A-STORY OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF STORIES FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

DIAL 234-287-2020

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SPECIALIST JOINS LIBRARY STAFF

The Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County (PLYMC) has hired Jim Young as Community Support Specialist, a position that will enable the Library to better serve patrons with needs in social service and mental health areas.

Library Executive Director Aimee Fifarek notes, "We are pleased to have someone so well qualified on staff to connect people needing social services with community resources that may best be able to help. We recognize that many people in our community are struggling with issues beyond library service expertise, such as homelessness, addictions, depression and more. Mr. Young comes to the Library with an abundance of experience and will be available link our patrons to the type of help they need."

Mr. Young holds a master's degree in social work from Youngstown State University and a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. He has been a licensed independent social worker since 2018.

His extensive experience includes working for Youth Intensive Services as Clinical Director of Residential Treatment / Therapist; for Grace Hospice as a Medical Social Worker - Clinical Therapist; for PsyCare as IFAST Therapist (Integrative Family Systems Treatment); for Prime Healthcare as a Medical Social Worker - PRN; and at the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services as Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist.

Mr. Young said, "I have a very diverse background and my social work experience gave me quite a few contacts in Mahoning County. I thought the Library would be a perfect fit for me. I see my principal role as acting as a link between our patrons and the community resources they may not know about."

A love of animals combines with his work in social services, as Mr. Young has two licensed therapy dogs, Katie and Kirby, both Labradors. "I started researching therapy dogs when I was in grad school at Youngstown State



University. I knew the benefits of people having service animals and I thought it would be unique to provide that type of intense therapy using dogs. It is a relatively new field but is growing in popularity because of the immense benefits."

He noted that Katie and Kirby have helped with clients who may have been fearful or had issues expressing themselves. For example, he was working with a child who was unable to open up about trauma in his life. With the permission of the child's mother, Mr. Young introduced this young man to Kirby and found that he started opening up to Kirby. "I learned that therapy dogs open doors," he said.

Patrons who would like to talk with Mr. Young can contact the Library at 330-744-8636 or talk with a librarian, who will connect them. He is ready and eager to work with people: "I want to be busy. I want to help people, so come and see me."

COLLEGE GUIDES

One-on-one college & career planning help for students. MVCAP college guides are available to grade 6-12 students exploring college, career/technical training, workforce entry and military service.

To schedule an appointment, please e-mail: director@themvcap.org.in

Austintown Library, 12-3 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 9
Austintown Library, 2-5 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 18
Boardman Library, 12-3 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 16
Boardman Library, 2-5 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 26



LiB's Café Welcomes Customers Monday, January 4, in Canfield Library

LiB's Café will welcome customers at their new location inside the Canfield Library when they reopen after the holidays on Monday, January 4. Owners Ben and Lindsay Ratner say they "are excited to bring their in-house roasted specialty coffees, as well as scratch-made pastries to the Canfield Branch Library."

In addition to coffee and pastries, LiB's offers a full espresso bar for lattes and cappuccinos, plus several loose-leaf tea and boba tea options. Ben notes, "We also carry several products that are made in the area. Cookies from the Orange Avocado and dog treats from Jax Snax dog treats just to name a few."

LiB's, which seems like a perfect name for a café located inside a library, is actually a composite of first initial of the names of members of their family. Ben and Lindsay are parents to Lilly, 13; Isabelle, 11; Simon, 4; and their newest addition, Brodie, born in October. Ben notes that they are a family of avid readers and feel very at-home in a library.

"We are so happy to welcome LiB's Café to our Library family," says Library



Executive Director Aimee Fifarek. "Their enthusiasm and experience, coupled with in-house roasted coffees and homemade pastries, make a perfect combination. We wish them much success in this venture."

LiB's hours are currently 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Ben says family and community are important and he looks forward to being a part of the Canfield business community. They are hoping to be able to utilize the spacious outdoor setting behind the Canfield Library when weather and the pandemic permit. "When we are able to get back together, we look forward to the foot traffic," Ben notes.

Ben became interested in the food industry as a young adult. He took classes at Kent State University in the wine program and became interested in culinary arts. He managed a winery and worked in restaurants throughout college. Lindsay had worked in the casual dining industry for over a decade and obtained experience and culinary certification from a program in Pennsylvania in 2012. The couple formed an LLC in the summer of 2014.

The Ratners purchased a roastery in Salem, Ohio, in 2015. Since then, they have expanded their business to include operations in the Best Western Dutch Village Inn and Greenford Christian Church with their latest venture inside the Canfield Library.

Contact LiB's at: libsmarket@gmail.com or on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/libsmarket/>. Pick-up or curbside orders can be placed through @odekoapp.

ALL PLYMC LIBRARIES: 330-744-8636

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- Main Library:** 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503
- Austintown:** 600 S. Raccoon Rd., Austintown, OH 44515
- Boardman:** 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman, OH 44512
- Brownlee Woods:** 4010 Sheridan Rd., Youngstown, OH 44514
- Campbell, inside CLWCC (Campbell Community Literacy Workforce & Cultural Center)**
436 Struthers Coitsville Rd, Lowellville, OH 44436
- Canfield:** 43 W Main St., Canfield, OH 44406
- LiB's Cafe inside Canfield Library:** libsmarket@gmail.com
- East:** 430 Early Rd., Youngstown, OH 44505
- Greenford:** Currently Closed
- Michael Kusalaba:** 2815 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509
- Newport:** 3730 Market St., Youngstown, OH 44507
- Cafe Augustine at Newport Library:** 234-254-4254
- Poland:** 311 S. Main St., Poland, OH 44514
- Pressed Coffee Bar & Eatery:** 330-953-2226
- Friends of PLYMC Bookstore:** 330-757-2550
- Sebring:** Sebring Ph: 877-715-1233
195 W. Ohio Ave., Sebring, OH 44672
- Springfield:** 10418 Main St., New Middletown, OH 44442
- Struthers:** 95 Poland Ave., Struthers, OH 44471
- Tri-Lakes:** 13820 Mahoning Ave., N. Jackson, OH 44451
- Special Delivery:** SD Ph: 330-792-3869



Ben Ratner, who owns LiB's with his wife Lindsay, is seen in LiB's Canfield Library operation with employee Hannah Satterfield.

It is the policy of the Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County to serve all patrons. This commitment includes treating all persons fairly and equally. No qualified person with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of services, programs, or activities.

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF YOUNGSTOWN & MAHONING COUNTY

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

PLYMC Phone: (330) 744-8636



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Blog (all day) Booklist (all day) Library Podcast (6PM, second Sunday of the month) 1K Books Before Kindergarten Dial-a-Story - Call 234-287-2020 anytime for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy's YA Book Review Blog (all day) Take & Make Kit (monthly activity: kids, teens, adults- Call 330-744-8636) Early Learning Bilingual Storytime (7PM) Next Chapter (2PM, bi-monthly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Library (FB premiere 1PM) Video & Blog (all day) Blog - Bilingual Language Learning (all day, twice monthly) Teen Reads Live! (4PM) Book Clubs (FB premiere 7PM) Cricut Maker (3:30PM, first Tues.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Services Blog Fiber Arts Live (11AM, fourth Wed.) Book Banter (4PM) Cooking Video (7PM) and Recipe Blog (all day) TAB teen meeting (6:30PM, first Wed.) Rainbow Reads (6:30PM, second Wed.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Chat (12PM) Library Blog (all day) ASL Storytime (11AM) and Blog ASL Virtual Club (6PM, third Thurs.) Homeschool STREAMing (3PM, third Thurs.) Scratch Coding (5:30PM, second Thurs.) 3D Design (5:30PM, third Thurs.) True Stories (5:30PM, third Thurs.) Book Court (7PM, third Thurs.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Chat (10AM) Tech Blog (all day) Library Blog (all day) Tech Time Video & Live Chat (4PM) Early Learning Storytime (2PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reader's Advisory Blog (all day) Library Blog (all day) Literary Love Connection (10AM) Watch Me Make (4PM)

LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR: <https://libraryvisit.libnet.info/events> Space is limited. Register by calling 330-744-8636 or online at <https://libraryvisit.libnet.info/events> **LIBRARY WEBSITE:** www.LibraryVisit.org

Facebook: [librymahoningcounty](https://www.facebook.com/librymahoningcounty) YouTube: [youtube.com/user/PLYMC](https://www.youtube.com/user/PLYMC) Twitter: [LibraryYoungstownOH@PLYMC](https://twitter.com/LibraryYoungstownOH@PLYMC) Instagram: [#librymahoningcounty](https://www.instagram.com/librymahoningcounty) **ZOOM Program** - Register at: <https://libraryvisit.libnet.info/events>

FOR PRESCHOOLERS

1K BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
www.libraryvisit.org/kids/1000-books-before-kindergarten/

EARLY LEARNING STORYTIME - Join our librarians for a fun preschool story time.
 Facebook, 2 p.m., on Sat., Jan. 2 & Fri., Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

EARLY LEARNING ASL STORYTIME - Fun story time with American Sign Language.
 Facebook, 11 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

EARLY LEARNING BILINGUAL STORYTIME - Fun English & Spanish story time.
 Facebook, 7 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 4, 11, 19, 25

DIAL-A-STORY - Call 330-287-2020.

ALL AGES

ASL CLUB - Learn American Sign Language.
 Zoom, 6 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 21

COOKING WITH THE LIBRARY - Librarians share a short weekly cooking video.
 Facebook, 7 p.m., Wed., Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB - Books, friends & community for those with disabilities.
 Zoom, 2 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 11, 25

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KITS - Pick up a free craft kits for children, teens & adults.

TECH TIME - Video/live chat. Coding, 3D design.
 Facebook, 4 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

FOR CHILDREN

3-D DESIGN WITH TINKERCAD - Learn how to design a 3d project on Tinkercad.com.
 Zoom, 5:30 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 21

HOMESCHOOL STREAMing - STREAM activity: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art & Math.
 Zoom, 3 p.m., on Thurs., Jan. 21

SCRATCH CODING - Learn how to code with scratch on www.scratch.mit.edu. Ages 9-12.
 Zoom, 5:30 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 14

FOR TEENS

BOOK BANTER - YA book: thumbs up or down?
 Facebook, 4 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

CODING FOR TEENS - We'll do an Hour of Code activity & discuss more coding resources.
 Zoom, 5:30 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 19

FIBER ARTS LIVE! - Live Fiber Arts discussion.
 Facebook, 11 a.m. on Wed., Jan. 27

RAINBOW READS - LGBTQ+ book characters.
 Zoom, 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 13

TAB MEETING - Teen Advisory Board (TAB).
 Zoom, 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 6

TEEN READS LIVE! - Live YA book reading.
 Instagram, 4 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26

VIRTUAL RPG APPRENTICES INN - Our beginners Dungeons & Dragons club is back!
 Zoom, 6 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 11

FOR ADULTS

CRICUT MAKER BASICS - Learn Cricut basics by designing a bookmark.
 Zoom, 3:30 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 5

BOOK COURT - A book is on trial. Do you agree with the verdict?
 Facebook, 7 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 21

CHAPTER CHAT BOOK CLUB - We'll read & discuss a new book every month. For adults.
 Zoom, 7 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 19

LITERARY LOVE CONNECTION - Game show contestant is paired with the perfect book.
 Facebook, 10 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

SHELF INDULGENCE BOOK CLUB - Join us as we dive into popular titles.
 Facebook, 7 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 12

TRUE STORIES BOOK CLUB - Let's read about real-life people & events.
 Zoom, 5:30 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 21

WATCH ME MAKE - Watch us make a craft in the Michael Kusalaba Makerspace. Register to come in and make it yourself!
 Facebook, 4 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 9

KINDERGARTEN READINESS TO-GO-KIT
 Stop by any branch to pick up a kit to use at home to help your preschooler get ready for kindergarten. January's focus is on Social & Emotional Development--managing feelings, friendships & solving problems. While supplies last. Ages 3-5