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**ON THE COVER:** Michael and Christine Peters' front hall and living room. The painting is by Jeannie Petyarre, an aboriginal artist in Alice Springs, Australia. Titled "Bush Medicine," which is also the style of painting, the design represents a native plant known for its medicinal qualities. The different colors represent the plant at different times of the year. Photo by Kevin G. Reeves.

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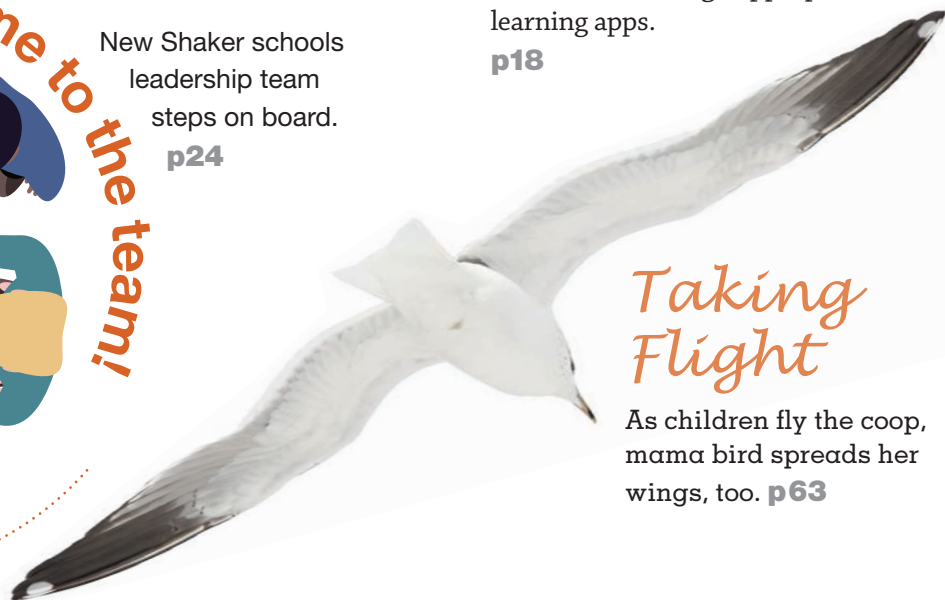
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## Ready for a Reinvention?

For those gearing up for an empty nest or retirement, or perhaps looking for the next chapter, consider the Reinvention Workshop. LaunchHouse Institute and Shaker Heights resident Beth Meany are piloting this two-week workshop with you in mind.

The LaunchHouse Institute is a program of the Shaker Heights Development Corporation. The Institute's work is at the intersection of education, mentorship, networking, and investment in students, schools, business leaders, residents, and communities.

This workshop focuses on individual and group exploration and discovery exercises. Working in a supportive environment, participants will develop, plan, and model their ideas, and gather the resources to launch them. The workshop runs from October 19-30. A portion of the classes will be held weekdays from 10 am – 4 pm at Shaker LaunchHouse, 3558 Lee Road. The balance will consist of individual work days to be completed at home. A fee of \$250 covers materials, professional services, and a networking/mentoring event. For more information contact [LaunchHouseReinvention@gmail.com](mailto:LaunchHouseReinvention@gmail.com).

## SHOP — SHAKER —



## Sweet Treats: Olivia Rose Community Bake Shop Open

Olivia Rose opened its doors at 16832 Chagrin Boulevard with a vision of becoming the go-to neighborhood bake shop. Owner and chief sugar shaker is Saidah Farrell, whose passion for pastry and community permeates the shop. Focusing on all-natural ingredients, Farrell offers her own sweet creations and opens her kitchen to other bakers interested in baking and selling their sweet treats at the shop. Baking parties, workshops, guest bakers, and recipe testing are all a part of the concept. Farrell's commitment to community extends to collaborating with the Cleveland chapter of Birthday Cakes 4 Free, which works to provide birthday cupcakes for financially and socially disadvantaged children. To learn more, like the shop on Facebook, visit their website at [oliviaroseconfections.com](http://oliviaroseconfections.com), or call 216-245-7182.

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## Barr's Bars Have You Covered... In Soap, That Is

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# Van Aken On Track

## And On the Move

Van Aken Center soon gives way to construction on the planned Van Aken District. RMS announced these longtime Shaker businesses will relocate to Shaker Plaza. While that transition is underway, the developer will add an additional 6,500 square feet of retail space with storefronts facing Chagrin Boulevard, opening the District to meet its neighbors to the south.

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## More Pop-Ups as Temps Fall

Thanks to the thousands who supported this summer's Van Aken Beer Garden series organized by RMS, and who transformed the Van Aken parking lot into six impressive block parties buzzing with cold brews, live music, savory bites, and kids' activities. Proceeds from the Beer Garden raised more than \$20,000 for a group of Shaker Heights non-profits.

But just because the temperatures drop doesn't mean the fun ends. Stay tuned for another Van Aken District community-building pop-up event this winter. Follow on Instagram @thevanakendistrict, Twitter @vanakendistrict, and visit [thevanakendistrict.com](http://thevanakendistrict.com) and [facebook.com/TheVanAkenDistrict](https://facebook.com/TheVanAkenDistrict) for more information. **SL**

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# Housing & NEIGHBORHOODS



The renovation of this home on Winslow Road helped spur the street's rebirth. It was a project undertaken by the City's Department of Neighborhood Revitalization, and included energy-efficiency and accessibility upgrades. Scott Frey, a member of the Shaker Renovator Program, was the general contractor. RDL Architects, headquartered on Chagrin Boulevard just west of Lee Road, did the architectural work.

## The Value of Renovation

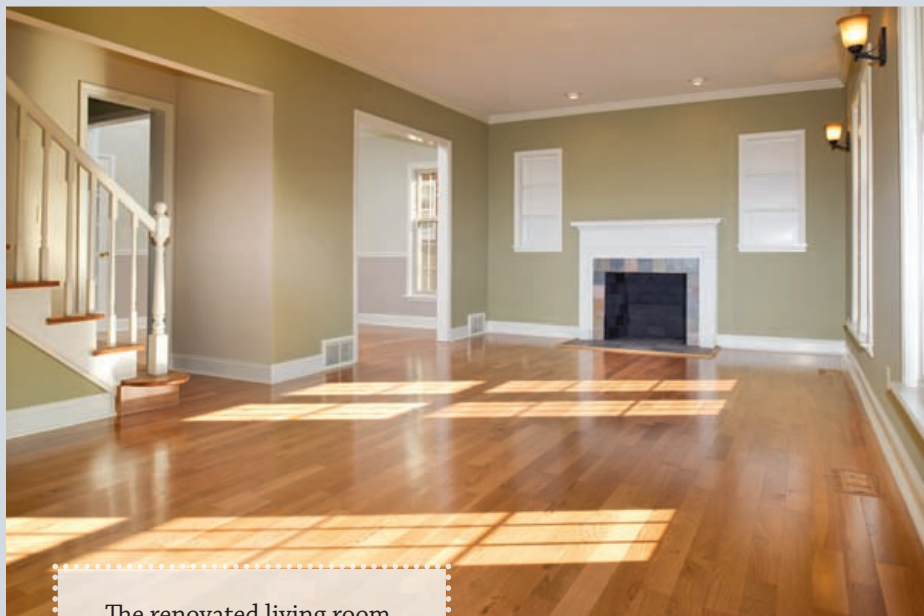
The housing stock in Shaker Heights is one of the City's most beloved assets. The commitment of private rehabbers and residents to invest in maintaining and upgrading their properties is instrumental in ensuring the long-term quality of our homes and preserving the integrity of our neighborhoods.

The City's 2015 Housing and Neighborhood Plan recognizes past efforts to upgrade and rehab Shaker properties (visit City Plans under Downloads at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com)). Since 2006, private investment in existing housing totaled more than \$25 million through Point of Sale Escrow, and upgrades to existing homes through residential building permits exceeded \$157 million.

The City's housing incentive and grant programs have helped boost investment as well. Private rehabbers improved 15 properties and added more than \$3 million in property value, thanks to the Shaker Renovator Program, which encourages high-quality renovations of properties purchased by qualified rehabbers. Rental properties saw more than \$2.1 million in private investment upgrades. And finally, 1,408 households received home maintenance assistance through City grant programs.

Our devotion to wherever we call home in Shaker isn't without its challenges. But the community we've built because of it has been a City hallmark for the past century and will be for the years to come.





The renovated living room of a house on Lomond Boulevard. Scott Frey of Property Renewals, Inc. in Twinsburg, a contractor with the Shaker Renovator Program, did the work.



A home for sale on South Park Boulevard, renovated by Joe Alberino of Alberino Construction in Medina, a contractor with the Shaker Renovator Program.



To learn more about the Shaker Renovator Program, or for information about purchasing a rehabbed home, visit [shakeronline.com/for-residents/housing-incentives/renovation-program](http://shakeronline.com/for-residents/housing-incentives/renovation-program).

## Tweets



● Cleveland Found @CLEfound

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● Steven Litt @steven\_litt

Greetings from Shaker Heights, Ohio @shakeronline



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The new four-way Van Aken District intersection will drastically reduce wait time, confusion and congestion. Thank you for your patience as we create a walkable, bikeable, mixed use destination right in the heart of Shaker Heights.

## Posts



**Patti Hasselstrom** This area is going to be seriously amazing once everything is completed!! I can handle a little congestion and detours in the meantime... Love the Shaker Hts community!!



**Onaway Community Organization ■ Neighbor #1** ...We are thinking about moving to Shaker

Heights. Onaway and Boulevard are the neighborhoods on the list. What do we need to know about the area? ...We have two little children. ■ **Neighbor #2** I've lived in both communities and I love love love

Onaway. The school, the community, the teachers. ■ **Neighbor #3** Family loves Onaway so much that after we moved to Boulevard (also very nice) and were ready to downsize, we moved back to Onaway.

■ **Neighbor #4** Onaway is the place to be! July Fourth Kids Parade on Warrington. Summer Pizza Friday's on Chadbourne between Onaway & Southington. Close proximity to Shaker Square, City Hall, and Main Library. Kids of ALL ages. Babysitters. ■ **Neighbor #5** We live on Warrington, between Onaway and Southington, also known as Pregnancy Row. We have a parade... every July 4<sup>th</sup>. Kids decorate their bikes, etc... ■ **Neighbor #2** Note to self –

do not move to pregnancy row, don't even walk past it!!! ■ **Neighbor #6** ...We love Onaway elementary so much! It's a fabulous school. And, when your kids are old enough to be in high school, I can personally say how wonderful it is to be in walking distance to the school so they can get to/from on their own for all of their activities and different schedule needs. ■ **Neighbor #7** Both are great! ...Each neighborhood is a little different and has its own personality. I love my 8 minute walk to Shaker Square farmers market. All three of my kids went to Boulevard... and we picked it because of the international feel. ■ **Neighbor #8** ...We walk to the square for market days and dinner. The ice rink in the Blvd triangle is great and we have loved the international (not just IB) feel that Blvd offers. Bottom line is you can't go wrong. Just fall in love with a house because the neighborhoods are both great. **SL**



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## Updates

The recent community survey conducted by the Library through TRIAD Research Group had some interesting, and unexpected, results.

The marketing research firm interviewed 500 registered voters in the Shaker Heights School District. The purpose of the survey was to measure the perceived need and support for either renovating or entirely replacing existing facilities, per the Library's 2012 strategic plan.

A facilities assessment, conducted by HBM Architects in early 2014, concluded that it would cost \$5 million over the next 10 years just to bring the 89-year-old Main Library and 55-year-old Bertram Woods Branch up to acceptable maintenance levels, aside from modernizing them for 21st-century library services. A feasibility study looked at ways of putting funds into renovation and/or new construction rather than maintenance.

Survey respondents skewed slightly female, as does the overall population of Shaker Heights. The group leaned more heavily to those aged 50 and older, since most voters tend to be in that group, and just over half had lived here more than 20 years.

Eighty-five percent felt satisfied or very satisfied to live in the community, 93 percent shared similar feelings about the Library, and 71 percent agreed a good job was done with available funding. Seventy-nine percent had used the Library in the last year and just over

half visited weekly or monthly. Ninety-four percent said a good public library is important to the quality of life in Shaker Heights.

The disconnect in public perceptions related to facilities. A clear majority of up to 59 percent thinks the library buildings are in adequate or good condition. Only a quarter of the responses thought that minor repairs might be necessary. A similar majority opposed closing the Bertram Woods Branch in favor of a renovated Main Library and/or a new single facility.

Sixty percent said that reduced public revenues did not make a difference in whether a new facility was needed. Fifty-four percent said the age of the current structures also was not a factor, with 74 percent wishing to preserve the Main Library as an historic building.

Some shift of opinion was detected as 42 percent agreed they might support closing Bertram Woods if it saved \$1 million in annual operating costs. Likewise, over a third supported a new Main facility if it could be built while the current library remained open. The most desired services were accessibility, up-to-date technology, and adequate parking. Space for children/families, meetings, and teens fell in the 55 to 75 percent range. When asked about

more innovative services, such as a drive-up window, a reading garden, or a café, only "creative learning spaces" reached the 40 percent level.

We need to continue the dialogue with the public. According to the survey we need to show the public that the Library's need for facility improvements is not attainable with our current funding projections. In fact, the estimated \$5 million in maintenance repairs over the next 10 years dwarfs the expected \$3 million dedicated for the purchase of books over the

same period.

# SURVEY SAYS

A disconnect in public perceptions related to facilities.



maintenance  
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Estimated maintenance repairs vs. book purchases over next 10 years



book purchases  
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Up to **59%** of survey respondents think library buildings are in adequate or good condition.

Only **25%** thought minor repairs may be necessary.



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### **Shaker Library Is First in County and CLEVNET to Lend New "Launchpad" Devices**

Shaker Library is the first library in Cuyahoga County and the first among 45 CLEVNET member libraries in 12 counties to offer the new Playaway Launchpad for checkout by the public.

Launchpads are easy-to-use tablets that are preloaded with a variety of interactive learning apps for youngsters. They are grouped as learning packs under subjects such as reading, math, science, creativity, and critical thinking; or themed learning packs, with topics of princesses, animals, transportation, dinosaurs, space, and fantasy.

The tablets do not have Wi-Fi capability, which means kids cannot be exposed to undesirable content. They also do not have cameras.

Shaker Library began the roll-out of the Launchpads with a kickoff event on July 7 with representatives from Playaway, a Solon-based business. Of the original 30 purchased, all but three of the devices were borrowed within the first few hours.

Shaker Library has Launchpads for ages 3 to 5 (Pre-K to kindergarten) and ages 5 to 7 (kindergarten to 2nd grade). Depending upon demand, ages 8 to 10 (3rd grade to 5th grade) and ages 10 and over (5th grade and up) may be added.

Launchpads are available at both Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch and are located in the Youth Services area. A maximum of two devices may be checked out to a parent for seven days.



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**Collaborative Summer  
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This summer the Library joined forces with six other libraries in Cuyahoga County to help children and teens avoid summer learning loss by participating in a summer reading program called "Make Your Summer Count – Read!"



With support from Friends of the Shaker Library as well as community partners, including The Children's Museum of Cleveland, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Great Lakes Science Center, Greater Cleveland Aquarium, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, the program offered students in grades K-12 opportunities to maintain their skills while having fun and earning prizes for reading,

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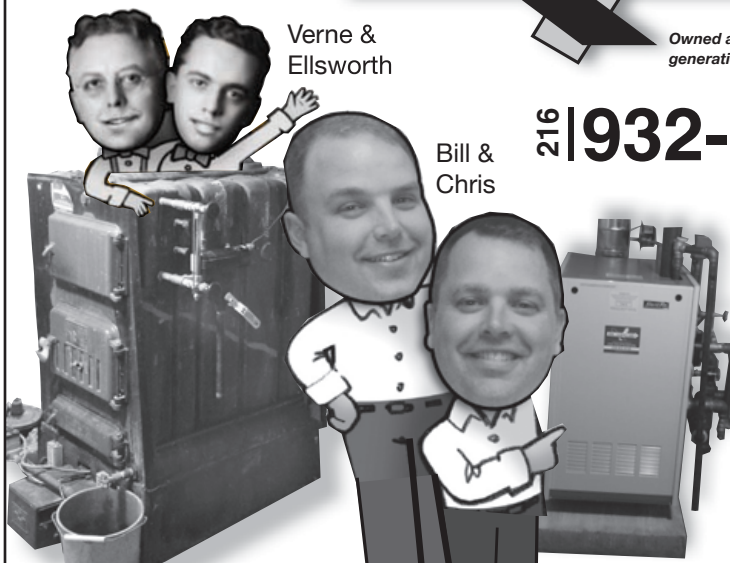
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completing math activities, and volunteering. Throughout the summer, WKYC aired reports from participating libraries, which helped to increase the libraries' visibility.

At Shaker Library alone, over 1,200 students took part in this exciting program, recording many thousands of hours spent reading and participating in activities.

### New Budget May Bring First Sustained Growth in Statewide Library Funding Since the Late 1990s

Ohio's new two-year budget, which was approved in June and went into effect on July 1, may provide some relief for public libraries that have seen state funding reduced by 24 percent since 2007 and 30 percent since 2001.

The Public Library Fund (PLF) is determined as a certain percentage of the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) that is derived from various sources, including income tax and sales tax. The PLF was set at 1.66 percent during the previous biennial budget but has been raised to 1.70 percent with the new legislation.

Because the GRF has fluctuated due to a variety of tax cuts and tax increases that were part of the new budget, as well as due to growth in the state economy, it has been estimated that the PLF could grow statewide by \$10 million per year during the biennium.

If that forecast is correct, the PLF would increase by 5.7 percent in FY2016 and a further 3.9 percent in FY2017. Though this is positive news, it still leaves the PLF at 1997 levels. Public libraries would need consistent growth like this through the rest of the decade just to reach the high water mark of 2001.

### Library Local History Collection Materials to Be Featured in National Exhibit



A national exhibit showcasing the African-American experience in American suburbs from 1945 to the present will feature Shaker Heights and include research and material from the Library's Local History Collection. The exhibit, "Black Suburbia: Levittown to Ferguson and the Struggle for the American Dream," opened September

25 at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, a research library and exhibit space of the New York Public Library, located in Harlem, and will be on display through December 31.

The exhibition has a national scope, but the main focus is on three communities: Hempstead on Long Island, New York; Shaker Heights, and certain Los Angeles suburbs, particularly Compton and Baldwin Hills.

The exhibit's focus on Shaker Heights centers on racial integration efforts by the Ludlow Community Association and other community associations from 1957 to 1980. The exhibit features several primary documents on loan from the Library's Local History Collection. After the show closes, the exhibit will travel to the spotlighted communities in 2016. Stay tuned for its arrival in Shaker.

### A Look at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens with George Parras

Western Reserve Architectural Historians and the Library will host a talk by George Parras on the Cleveland Cultural Gardens at 7 pm October 7 at Main Library.

The Gardens are in Rockefeller Park, a 254-acre setting between University Circle and Lake Erie. John D. Rockefeller donated the land to the city in 1896 in celebration of Cleveland's first centennial. Ernest Bowditch, a renowned Boston landscape architect, designed a meandering parkway flanked by wide-open green space framed by steeply sloped terrain.

Learn more about this beautiful space from Parras, a Shaker resident and former president of the Gardens. Call 216-991-2030 for reservations.

## Meet the Author

### An Evening with Anthony Doerr

7 pm Monday, October 12 at University School and live streamed to Main Library.

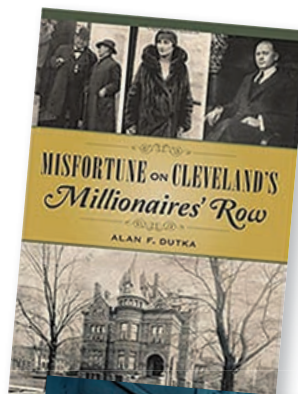
This event with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and University School alumnus was sold out within two days, but will be live streamed to the Library for those who could not get tickets. Please call Main Library 216-991-2030 to reserve your place.



### Money, Misfortune, and Millionaires with Alan Dutka

7 pm Wednesday, October 28 at Bertram Woods Branch.

Dutka is a native Cleveland and the author of *Misfortune on Cleveland's Millionaires' Row*. The retired executive and author is a popular speaker at historical societies, libraries, and community centers. He has written four business books and published five Cleveland history books including *Cleveland in the Gilded Age*.



### Engineering a Novel with D. M. Pulley

7 pm Thursday, November 5 at Main Library.

Local author D.M. Pulley will talk about her award-winning, breakthrough novel, *The Dead Key*, which was inspired by her work surveying the Ameritrust complex in 2001 and 2002. Learn how she came to write her novel, how long it took, the research involved, and more.

Pulley is an engineer specializing in the rehabilitation of historic buildings and forensic investigations of building failures. She lives in Shaker Heights with her husband and two children, and is currently at work on her second novel.





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## Book Group Opportunities

The Library offers many opportunities for residents to join together to discuss books. Browse the many options, choose one or more of the books, and join in a lively

discussion with your neighbors. Whether at the library or at the pub, a good discussion is guaranteed and you may view the book in a totally new light.

**Book Buzz:** 10 am Tuesday, October 13, *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride. Winner of the 2013 National Book Award for Fiction, this tale follows the legendary John Brown through his historic raid on Harpers Ferry. The funny yet unflattering narration is told by a slave boy mistaken for a girl, who is swept up into

Brown's band of rabble-rousers and misfits.

### **Mystery Book Discussion:**

7:30 pm Tuesday, October 13, *Malice* by Keigo Higashino. When famous novelist Kunihiko Hidaka is found dead in a locked room in his locked house by his best friend and his wife, Detective Kyochiro Kaga must uncover the truth of the past to determine who committed the brutal crime.

### **Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion:**

2 pm Tuesday, October 27, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel Brown. The author traces the story of an American rowing team from the University of Washington that defeated elite rivals at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics, sharing the experiences of their enigmatic coach, a visionary boat builder, and a homeless teen rower.

### **Book Buzz:** 10 am Tuesday,

November 10, *City of Thieves* by David Benioff. Set during the siege of Leningrad in World War II, this darkly comic story follows two young men who can avoid their executions only if they can fulfill a Soviet colonel's nearly impossible assignment of finding a dozen eggs for his daughter's wedding cake.

**Mystery Book Discussion:** 7:30 pm Tuesday, November 10, *The Ways of the Dead* by Neely Tucker. A Washington D.C. judge's daughter is found dead and three young black men are accused of her murder. Against pressure from the local police and his own boss, veteran reporter and functioning alcoholic, Sully Carter, investigates old, unsolved murders and discovers a connection between them and the current case.

### **Adult & Teen Book Discussion:**

7 pm Thursday, November 12, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. Join in a group discussion led by the Shaker Heights High School Student Group on Race Relations on the groundbreaking book that jumpstarted a national dialogue on mass incarceration as a tool of racism.

### **Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion:**

2 pm Tuesday, November 24, *Fourth of July Creek* by Smith Henderson. In this shattering and iconic American novel, Smith Henderson explores the complexities of freedom, community, grace, suspicion, and anarchy, brilliantly depicting our nation's disquieting and violent contradictions.

**Book Buzz:** 10 am Tuesday, December 8, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain. Through an analysis of research in biology, psychology, neuroscience, and evolution, Susan Cain not only defends the under-

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valued qualities of introversion in Western culture, but also demonstrates the need to focus on how we teach and communicate with those who prefer working alone, and on listening rather than speaking.

**Mystery Book Discussion:** 7:30 pm Tuesday, December 8, *The Red Road* by Denise Mina. Police detective Alex Morrow is serving as a witness in arms dealer Mark Lynch's trial, but when Lynch's fingerprints show up at the scene of another crime while he's in custody, the case begins to fall apart. Alex must trace the evidence back to a money-laundering scheme and old murder cases that might hit too close to home.

**Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion:** 2 pm Tuesday, December 22, *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin. Widowed in her forties, with four children and not enough money, Nora has lost the man who rescued her from the stifling world to which she was born, and now she fears she may be drawn back into it.

On Display



**Octavofest:** October 1- October 30: The Library joins other organizations throughout Cleveland to celebrate Octavofest, a celebration of the book and paper arts with a display of unusual and creative book art. For more activities throughout Cleveland, visit [octavofest.com](http://octavofest.com).

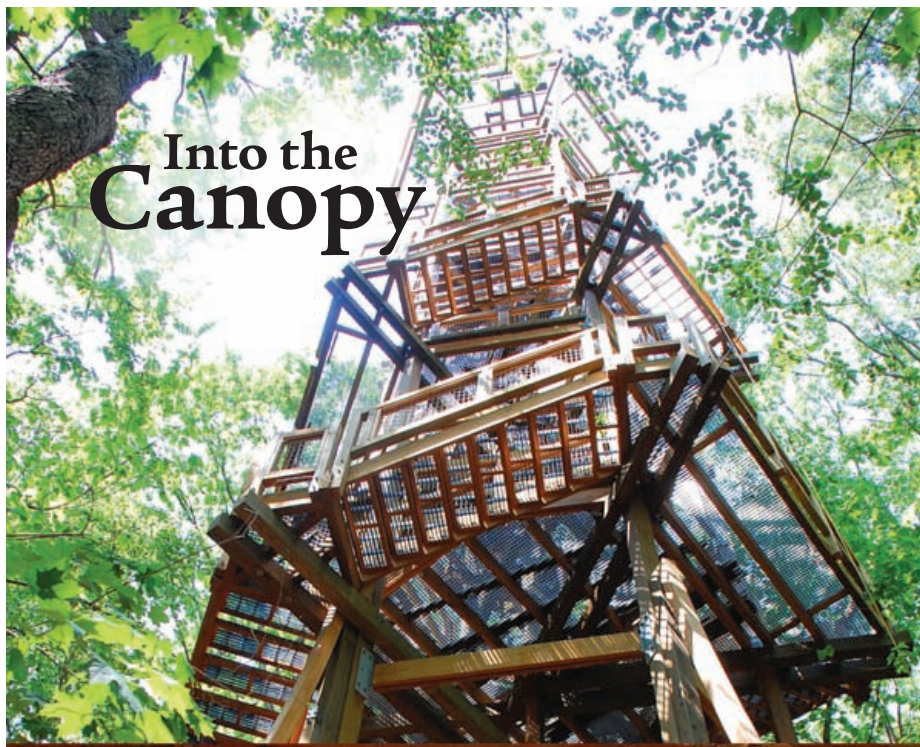
### Friends Fall Book Sale

Friends of the Shaker Library's Fall Book Sale starts Wednesday, October 14 from 4 to 8 pm on the Main Library's second floor. The first day is for Friends members. Not a Friend? You can join at the door.

The sale is open to the public from 9:30 am-8 pm, Thursday, October 15 and from 9:30 am-4 pm Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17. The popular Bag Sale is on Sunday, October 18 from 1:30 to 4 pm. All bags of books cost \$5, and items in the "Specials Room" are discounted 50 percent.

The sale includes thousands of books in well-organized categories at prices as low as 50¢. Remaindered library equipment, such as chairs and other surplus furniture, will be available for sale.


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## District Welcomes New Leadership Team Members

The Shaker Heights Schools recently welcomed the following new leadership team members:



**Ramsey T. Inman,**  
Assistant Principal of SHHS, formerly served as a social studies teacher and department chair with the Bedford City School District, where he also directed the Men's

Achievement Committee. Prior to joining the Bedford schools, he worked as a tutor with Education Alternatives in Elyria and with the Akron Area YMCA.



**Tasneem M. Lokhandwala,**  
Director of Pupil Services, was formerly assistant coordinator of Special Services for the Medina City Schools. She previously served as supervisor of Special Education and

Response to Intervention (RTI) Coordinator for the Strongsville City Schools.



**Marla J. Robinson,**  
Chief of Staff, previously served as the District's assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. She joined the Shaker Heights Schools in 2011 from the Decatur Public Schools

in Illinois, where she served as deputy superintendent. She began her career as a teacher before becoming a principal, director of human resources, and assistant superintendent of elementary education.



**Darlene M. Bushley,**  
Director of Human Resources, has broad human resources experience in both the public and private sectors, including American Airlines and

Tupperware Corporation. In 2007, she moved into the public sector as a human resources manager for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Starting in 2010, she served as director of human resources for the Warrensville Heights City School District.



**James Reed III,**  
Interim Principal of Shaker Heights High School, served with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school

district for 27 years in various administrative capacities. He most recently was principal of the Renaissance School of Humanities and International Studies at Cleveland Heights High School.



**Neal Robinson,**  
Principal of Boulevard Elementary School, formerly served as staff assistant of Lomond School.

He taught at Mercer School for 16 years and was teacher in charge at that building. He also held a variety of leadership positions within the District, including grade level chair, teacher mentor, Shaker Heights Teachers' Association representative, and PTO representative.



**Tina McCauley,**  
Staff Assistant at Lomond School, taught physical education at Boulevard for 13 years. While at Boulevard, she

also served as teacher in charge and provided after school tutoring for 4<sup>th</sup> grade math.



**Kathleen O. Sauline,**  
Assistant Principal of SHHS, formerly served as middle school principal with the Zanesville City Schools. Prior to that position, she

was director of Professional Development for the West Branch Local School District and held numerous administrative positions with other districts in the Youngstown area.



**Scott Stephens,**  
Executive Director of Public Relations and Communications, previously served as executive director of Strategic Communications for the Chicago Public Schools.

He also had served as assistant director of Public Affairs for the American Federation of Teachers, and was an education reporter with the Cleveland Plain Dealer for 18 years.



**Keith Wagner,**  
Director of Operations, previously served as the District's Supervisor of Facilities since 2011. He joined the Shaker schools in 1993 as

District Grounds Foreman, after having served as assistant superintendent of Chagrin Valley Country Club.



**Patricia Rashid,**  
Assistant Principal of Woodbury, taught at Mercer Elementary for 15 years. Prior to joining the Shaker schools, Rashid taught for five years at Daniel E.

Morgan Elementary in Cleveland, where she was voted outstanding teacher two consecutive years by her peers.

More comprehensive bios are available at [shaker.org](http://shaker.org).



## For Whom the Bell Tolls

Over the summer, keen-eyed residents most likely noticed something missing from the beloved, iconic clock tower that is the emblem of the Shaker schools: the cupola was removed from the clock tower at Woodbury school. Alert facilities staff noted that it was leaning from its normally upright position, and an engineering assessment determined that it must be restored before being repositioned in its place of honor.

The bell housed within the cupola was also removed from the clock tower. In days gone by, the bell chimed out on the quarter hour, helping the good citizens of Shaker Village keep proper time.

While it is uncertain at this time whether the bell will be restored to its tower, or kept on display in another location, we do know a few interesting facts about the bell and clock tower:

- The bell weighs in at a hefty 2,000 pounds, and bears an inscription that is no longer legible.
- The Meneely Bell Foundry of New York cast the bell in 1919, a year after the cornerstone was laid for Woodbury High School. (Woodbury later became a junior high school, and now houses students in fifth and sixth grades.)
- The center portion of the building, with its imposing clock tower, was thought to resemble Independence Hall in Philadelphia. A symbol of great pride for the community, it became the inspiration for the Shaker schools' logo and motto: "A Community is Known by the Schools it Keeps."
- The 1928 Gristmill contains this description of the bell chiming: "It awakens us from our morning slumbers when we are in danger of sleeping too late; it hurries us at the breakfast table as we linger too long over the morning paper; it speeds us on our way to work or school, always reminding us that time and tide wait for no man or woman either.... It is the last thing we hear as we drift off to sleep, its mellow tones echoing through the night." – Jeannette Pollack
- Bonnie Lang, '59, recalls, "I lived directly across the street from Woodbury Junior High. The bell rang every 15 minutes! It was a beautiful bell sound and we certainly got used to it and loved it. My mother and I moved away from our house after my father died in 1959. Believe me, we missed the chiming. And, 56 years later, I still miss it!"
- In later years, both the clock and the bell stopped working, perhaps due to the failure of the mechanical gear system. The clock was fixed using an updated electronic system, but the bell was then used only for ceremonial purposes, such as the outdoor commencement ceremonies held in the 1990s and early 2000s.

Do you know anything about the history of the Woodbury clock tower and its bell? If so, chime in! Send recollections, facts, or lore to: [localhistory@shakerlibrary.org](mailto:localhistory@shakerlibrary.org).





## Alumni Profile

**Terry Rozier, '12**, is the first Shaker Heights High School graduate to be drafted to an NBA team. The point guard, who played college basketball for the Louisville Cardinals, was selected with the 16th overall pick in the first round of the 2015 NBA draft by the Boston Celtics.

As a star player for the Shaker Heights High School team, Rozier averaged 25.6 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists, and 4.7 steals. In 2012 he led Shaker to a 21-3 record, reaching the regional semi-finals for the first time since 2002.

As a sophomore at Louisville, Rozier led the Cardinals in scoring with 17.1 points per game. The team reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA Championship in 2014 before losing to Michigan State University. Rozier made the AAC All-Rookie Team in 2014 and declared for the NBA draft in March of 2015.

H. Danny Young, Jr., principal of Woodbury Elementary School and coach of the Shaker Heights High School basketball team, said about coaching Rozier: "Terry worked hard each and every year to improve himself as a basketball player and as a person. He was a coach's delight and would do whatever was needed for the betterment of the team. I see him having a long career in the NBA." **SL**

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## From Our Readers



### Sustainable Solutions

Thank you for the feature article "The Envelope of Sustainability," (Summer 2015) which detailed our new home construction on Southington Road. We have been overwhelmed by the positive reaction that we continue to receive from our neighbors, friends, and other SL readers.

Your concluding paragraph "How Much Green to Go Green?" correctly states that our \$140-per-square-foot construction cost is a premium over the \$80/sf that a standard tract home might cost. But this is not a fair comparison. A "standard tract home" would never get built in Shaker, and the \$80/sf cost level is achieved only in large cul-de-sac style developments in far-out suburban and exurban locations. The homes are typically all vinyl (windows and siding) with minimal architectural detail. The challenges of building a custom home that is architecturally appropriate to our beautiful Boulevard neighborhood had much more to do with our final cost than the sustainability features that are incorporated into our home. We estimate those to be less than \$25/sf, almost all of which can be attributed to geothermal heating and cooling, solar panels, and our 5,500 gallon cistern.

As sustainability professionals we want to emphasize that many green building options are available for no cost premium at all. In our case, ultra-efficient windows, green paints and urethanes, and local finish lumber all came at no additional cost. Our hyper-insulated envelope (perhaps the most important feature) cost only \$4/sf and will have paid for itself by the time our younger daughter is a kindergartener at Boulevard. We hope that as our neighbors embark on their future renovation (and perhaps a few new construction) projects in Shaker, they will feel emboldened to ask architects and builders to find sustainable solutions at little or no cost premium.

Aparna and Richard Bole

*Aparna Bole is Assistant Professor and Medical Director of Community Integration, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. She also serves as the health system's Sustainability Manager. Richard Bole is President of Euclid Lofts, LLC, a developer and builder of sustainable mixed-use projects in Cleveland's Campus District.*



## Events & Popular Programs for Adults

### Living in the Grand Canyon



Meet Stacie Anderson, Shaker Library's Adult Services librarian, who will give a multi-media presentation about the Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon at 7 pm Tuesday, October 20 at Main Library.

Anderson lived in Arizona for 15 years, three of which were spent living and working at Phantom Ranch – the only lodging below the canyon rim, which can be reached only by mule, on foot, or by rafting the Colorado River.

The presentation will include the history of the people of Arizona beginning with Native Americans and how the concept of Phantom Ranch was developed by the Fred Harvey Company with the help of Mary Jane Colter, the architect who designed it in the 1920s.

### Medicare and You: Counseling Sessions at Main Library

Do you need accurate, unbiased information about Medicare? The Ohio Senior Health Information Program will offer a Medicare Check-up on Friday, November 6 at Main Library.

Learn about recent changes to Medicare at personal counseling sessions in the Main Library Training Lab. Find out how the October 15 - December 7 Medicare Annual Coordinated Election Period can work for you, and get tips on how to enroll for 2016 coverage in a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) and/or a Medicare health plan. Learn if you qualify to save an average of \$3,900 on your prescription drug costs.

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**Michael and Christine Peters transformed a run-down, vacant house on South Woodland Road into a contemporary home – with a difference.**

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# Great Shaker Homes

**When  
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Christine Peters  
moved to Shaker  
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the 7,400 square-foot,  
six-bedroom house  
that they bought out  
of foreclosure for a little  
more than \$200,000  
was, as far as they  
were concerned,  
uninhabitable.









**But** they didn't plan to live in the house immediately anyway. Taking an apartment near Shaker Square, they totally gutted the newly acquired house on South Woodland Road and began a massive renovation and preservation effort that, as Michael says, "would respect the home's character, but adapt it for a modern family."

The house, designed by Cleveland architect Chester Lowe and built in 1931, had been vacant for two years, and had dangerous defects in the foundation that could have caused collapse. And fixing the foundation – after a complete excavation and state-of-the-art waterproofing – was only scratching the surface of what needed to be done over the next two years to achieve what the Peters had in mind.



When the Peters applied for the Cleveland Restoration Society/AIA Cleveland's 2015 Outstanding Residential Preservation Award – which they won – they wrote, "There was a very conscious effort to demonstrate that a house of this age can be renovated to be an extremely efficient, modern, and comfortable house while retaining its historic nature and character."





**The Peters** worked with Cleveland architect Matt Wolf of Wolf Maison, who devised a preservation plan that “fit the age, character, and significance of the house.” Retaining the historic character of the home meant, among many other things:

- Repairing the original slate roof.
- Removing the original stucco on the front of the house to repair the sheathing, installing a vapor-permeable barrier, then replacing the original stucco.
- Rebuilding 10 of the diamond-panel leaded glass windows and repairing the remaining original windows.

And on the inside, among many other things:

- Restoring the fountain – yes, a fountain – in the sunroom.
- Retaining and restoring the original oak paneling in the den.
- Retaining the parquet flooring in the living room, dining room, and den.
- Restoring the original bathtubs in two of the five full baths.





The historic preservation work went hand-in-hand with the work of adapting the house for contemporary living. Some highlights from that half of the equation:

- Installing a new water-supply line and new sanitary and storm sewers.
- Installing a hydronic snow-melt system in the driveway area.
- Installing lighting controls integrated with an alarm system.
- Combining the former kitchen, breakfast room, and service entrance to make one large kitchen.
- Making two pantries and a coat closet into a laundry room adjoining the butler's pantry.
- Almost completely reconfiguring the second-floor bedrooms and bathrooms, opening new space on the third floor for a home office, and insulating the exterior walls of the basement's playroom (there are two very young Peters).
- Installing a whole house steam humidifier.
- Installing all new plumbing, electric, and mechanical systems, including a geothermal heating and cooling system, which required 200-foot wells – 15 of them – to be dug in the back yard, where deer come up from the golf course to graze next to the gazebo.

## There are a number of green homes

in Shaker that have been built from scratch. What the Peters did was take an historic Shaker home and make it green without sacrificing the original character.

The renovation was designed to meet Enterprise Green standards and Energy Star standards. Most of the materials were locally sourced and/or reused from the original home itself.

Michael functioned as the general contractor. He renovated the house according to what are known as “passive” building standards – design principles used to achieve a quantifiable level of energy efficiency within a specific comfort level.

“Passive building reduces energy demand by 75 percent or more from conventional homes while delivering indoor air quality that’s similar to hospitals, all at a price that is comparable to ‘regular’ new construction,” he says.

The main reason Michael acted as general contractor is the scarcity of passive building expertise among contractors in Greater Cleveland. Furthermore, the experience led him to change the focus of his company, the Coventry Land Company, from commercial real estate consulting to passive building development.

He founded Coventry in Manhattan in 2010. He moved the company to Shaker when he and Christine – a human resources consultant – and their young family moved here. His office is now at Shaker Launchhouse.

It all started with a successful career in commercial real estate investment banking. Immediately prior to starting Coventry, he opened Wells Fargo’s real estate investment banking office in London, and has raised capital for projects worldwide.

He developed a strong interest in sustainability and the economics of sustainable design through his work on the 58-story Comcast Center in Philadelphia – a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) platinum project – and on other projects in Europe and the Middle East. He has two LEED AP credentials, a green roof professional accreditation, and is a Passive House Certified Builder.

Now, with Coventry, he’s putting all those credentials to work for him – and, he hopes, for Shaker as a community.

“We’re developing high-performance buildings in partnership with the architect on our house, Matt Wolf. We’re planning our first project for Shaker.”











**While** Coventry's focus is on new construction, "I love rebuilding older historic homes and we'll continue to work in that field too, in a similar manner to what we did with our house.

"I think it's important that Shaker homeowners, or those looking at acquiring a home in Shaker, know that you don't have to tear down a historic home to have a modern, functional, and low maintenance home, and that you can have an energy-efficient home without breaking the budget," he says.

He says it doesn't necessarily need to cost significantly more if you're already doing a substantial renovation. "It just takes knowledge of modern building science and the right team to implement it. But you need to do your homework. And don't accept 'because we've always done it that way' as an excuse."

The restoration of the South Woodland home has had its own particular impact on the community. "Given that the house was an abandoned foreclosure on a major thoroughfare within Shaker Heights," the Peters told the Cleveland Restoration Society's awards judges, "the impact has been increased visibility of historic preservation." **SL**





## Reinvesting in Neighborhoods: A Community-Wide Priority

The Cleveland Restoration Society is a valuable resource for all Shaker homeowners who care about home improvement and reinvesting in their community. The Society's hugely successful Heritage Home Program, which began in 1992, has two components:

- Free technical assistance, whereby CRS staff visit the property to answer the homeowners' questions about improvement, restoration, and maintenance projects. They can also provide names of contractors and review the bids and estimates. Michael and Christine Peters used this service when they began work on their South Woodland home.

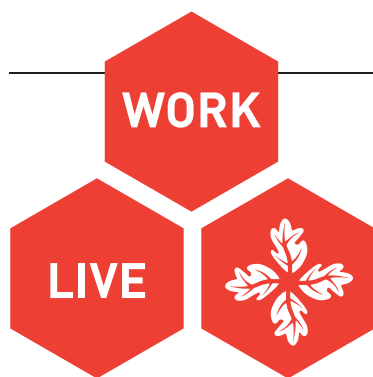
- A low-interest loan, whereby home-owners can secure a fixed-rate, equity-based loan to cover the cost of maintenance and improvement projects. The loan is financed either through KeyBank or First Federal Lakewood. (Another option is the Heritage Home Purchase Program, which combines a purchase mortgage with a low-interest rehab loan.)

"Most improvement and maintenance projects qualify, both exterior and interior," says Colin Compton, the CRS's Heritage Home Program associate. "In Shaker, to date, we have done 383 site visits, and have signed 148 loans worth over \$5.7 million in neighborhood reinvestment."

The Heritage Home Program, as its name implies, is specifically for homes that are at least 50 years old, making it ideal for most Shaker homes. For detailed information, call (216) 426-3116 or email [hhp@heritagehomeprogram.org](mailto:hhp@heritagehomeprogram.org). **SL**







## Taking the Fear Out of Interior Design

Photography by Janet Century

Interview by Jennifer Proe

**Who:** Dawn Cook and Linda Mauck Smith

**Where:** Dawn lives in Fernway; Linda lives in Mercer

**Business:** Dawn is the principal of Dawn Cook Design and Linda is the principal of Blulens Design. Both provide interior design services to clients throughout Northeast Ohio and beyond. They recently decided to hang out their awning together at the shops along Warrensville Center Road, between Sgro's Barbershop and AJ Heil Florist.

**Company's Mission:** The designers maintain their own businesses but share a collaborative workspace, resources, and staff to support one another on client projects. They also share the same mission: to provide a full-service, client-driven design experience that is comfortable and appropriate for each client's needs and budget. Says Dawn, "We can handle everything from updating a teen's bedroom to a complete structural remodel." Linda adds, "We try to take the fear factor out by easing our clients into the experience."

**What I Love About My Work:** Dawn: "Linda and I can both work with any design aesthetic, but I think I am especially known for creating a clean, classic, and updated style that works well with the kind of traditional architecture we have in Shaker. I use a lot of marble, neutrals and wood tones. When you work with older homes, there's always a surprise when you open the walls. We have developed a level of expertise and knowledge from working with these older homes that is very helpful."

¶ Linda: "My particular passion is for strong, color-based contemporary design. I love repurposing items to create an eclectic and a bit more modern look. It can be surprising to mix an antique, a modern piece of art, and a comfortable chair in one space. Ultimately, it's about executing what the client wants, but even better than they expected. They love it, even though they didn't realize they would love it."

**Personal Background:** Linda is a graduate of The Ohio State University, where she met her husband, Scott Smith, vice president of business development with LSQ Funding. In her first career, she was a headhunter for Management Recruiters before staying home with her children, Taylor, SHHS '10 and Cori, SHHS '13. Once the kids were older, she enrolled in classes at Cuyahoga Community College to explore her love







Dawn Cook



Linda Mauck Smith





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of photography, a hobby that comes in handy to showcase the duo's design projects online. She also fell in love with interior design, launching Blulens Design in 2007. ¶ Dawn holds an undergraduate degree in marketing from Miami University of Ohio, where she met her husband, Brian Cook, a real estate investor and residential contractor with Bridge Partners. After college, she worked in consumer product marketing for Kraft Foods and JoAnn Stores, and obtained an MBA from Case Western Reserve University. She and Brian were married at St. Dominic Church, and have two children: Cooper, a seventh-grader at Shaker Middle School, and Sophie, a fifth-grader at Woodbury. She met Linda at Tri-C where she enrolled in design courses. She launched Dawn Cook Design in 2008 and blogs at dawncookdesign.com.

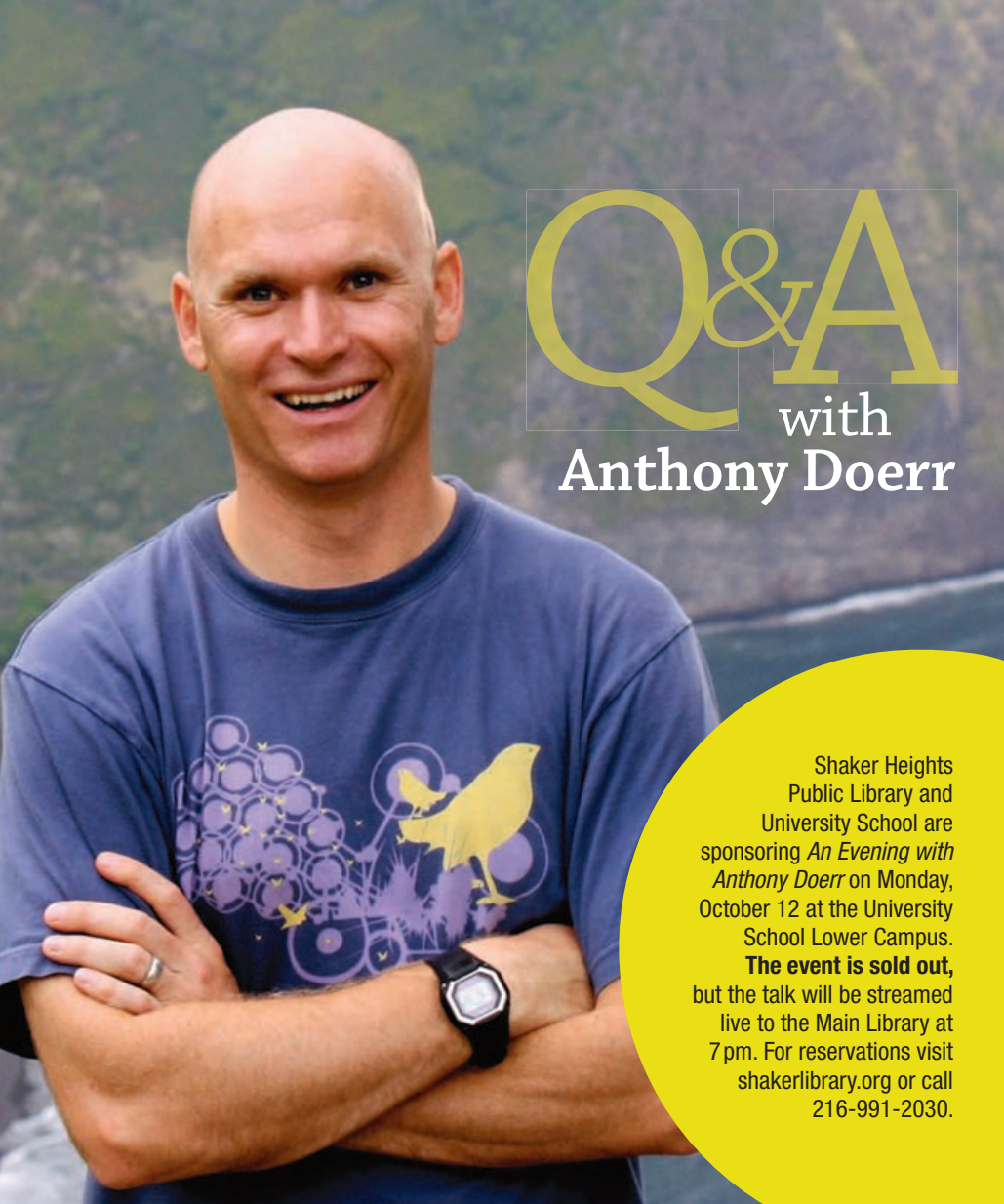
Both designers are ASID and NKBA certified.

#### **On Working and Living in Shaker Heights:**

Dawn: "I grew up in Solon, but Brian and I have lived in Shaker for more than 20 years. I love that we are 15 minutes from University Circle. We love our Fernway neighbors; especially when the kids were little, it was so important to be able to go outside and talk with them. We love walking to the library and hiking along the Doan Brook Gorge. Our family volunteers for spring cleanup at the Nature Center. And it's really convenient to be working near Thornton Park, since Cooper plays hockey and Sophie figure skates."

¶ Linda: "I love that I can ride my scooter to work [she has a mint green Vespa], and I can go home at lunch to let out my dogs. The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Bertram Woods Library basically raised my children. My husband and I often eat out at fire at Shaker Square, or pick up food to go from The Fresh Market. Dawn and I live at J. Pistone for work lunches, and we're also very excited to be so near the new Van Aken District. Dawn and I are both such big boosters for Shaker; if a client is moving here, we always end up talking to them about how great the schools and neighborhoods are. We looked at a lot of spaces all over Cleveland, but in the end, it just made the most sense to be here."

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## Q&A with Anthony Doerr

Shaker Heights Public Library and University School are sponsoring *An Evening with Anthony Doerr* on Monday, October 12 at the University School Lower Campus. The event is sold out, but the talk will be streamed live to the Main Library at 7 pm. For reservations visit [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org) or call 216-991-2030.

## Blending the Arts and Sciences

BY MARGARET SIMON

Critics applauded Anthony Doerr's novel *All the Light We Cannot See* when it was published in May 2014. It hit the best-seller list shortly thereafter, where it has remained. It was a National Book Award finalist and won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize.

Doerr was born in Cleveland in 1973. He grew up in Novelty and graduated from University School in 1991. He earned a degree in history from Bowdoin College in 1995, and a Masters of Fine Arts from Bowling Green State University in 1999. He lives in Boise, Idaho with his wife, Shauna, and their twin sons.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, Doerr has received numerous literary awards, among them four O. Henry Prizes, a Barnes & Noble Discover Prize, and the New York Public Library's Young Lions Award. In 2007, the British literary magazine *Granta* placed him on its list of 21 Best Young American novelists and in 2010, Bowling Green State University named him one of the 100 Most Prominent Alumni in the university's 100-year history.

**Q** Your mother was a science teacher and your father operated a small printing company. Obviously, there was a focus on science, nature, and the importance of the printed word in your early life. How did your parents' careers influence your writing?

**A** My dad runs a small business in Chagrin Falls and he taught me so much about persistence, hard work, risk-taking, relationships, kindness, humor, and how to stay loyal to the Browns. My mom taught at Ruffing Montessori, and then at University School. To describe how important she has been to my writing in such a small space would be impossible. But here's a try: first and foremost, she's a reader – she'll read from Rachel Carson to Anne Carson, from Darwin to Grisham. She helped me fall in love with books. She also taught me, through example, that it's perfectly permissible to be interested in the sciences as well as in the arts, and that to suggest, especially to a young person, that you must choose between one or the other is a false choice.

**Q** You have been a science writer for *The Boston Globe*. Your book, *The Shell Collector*, has been described as a "gorgeous portrait of the natural world's effects on the human condition," and your book, *About Grace*, includes "lyrical descriptions of nature." Was it a conscious decision to choose to bring science into your literary world rather than to work in the sciences?

**A** Yes, it probably was a conscious choice. I think I always dreamed first and foremost of being a novelist, though I was too shy to say it out loud. I remember reading C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* as a young boy and falling in love with the act of being transported by a book. That simple black markings on a white page could transport me to such a rich environment absolutely dazzled me. That's probably where the initial impulse came from, from the magic of trying to create lush, intricate experiences out of very inexpensive materials: words on a page. By the time I reached my early 20s, I knew I'd always regret it if I didn't at least try. So I started seriously working on my writing on a daily basis.

**Q** Each of your educational institutions – University School, Bowdoin College, and Bowling Green State University – stresses the education of the "whole person." How did you come to choose those schools and what is your greatest takeaway from them?



**A** Each of those schools values questions over answers, curiosity over memorization. Each puts a high value on independent investigation, on learning how to be a lifelong learner. So that's probably my greatest takeaway, that your education does not end on graduation day; it only begins.

**Q** How did your Ohio upbringing help to form you as a writer?

**A** Growing up in Geauga County made me who I am – I learned to work hard, to pay attention to nature, to be loyal, to drive in the snow, the simple pleasure of reading a book under a tree. I still remember being six or seven years old and seeing my mom in a T-shirt that said, “New York might be the Big Apple, but Cleveland’s a plum.” That sense of having to justify ourselves as a city, of having to scrap for what others take for granted – that has never left me.

**Q** Your wife, Shauna, is a huge supporter as evidenced by her packing up your newborn twin sons and heading off to Rome when you received a Rome Prize. The result was your book, *Four Seasons in Rome: On Twins, Insomnia, and the Biggest Funeral in the History of the World*. How has she supported your writing life?

**A** Oh, goodness, in every way imaginable. Shauna is a mother, an editor, an in-house psychologist, a sounding board, a travel agent, and a best friend. Perhaps most of all, she’s there to help me through the days and weeks of doubt that come anytime you’re trying to write a book. My wife is the biggest reason I never gave up on *All the Light*. She read pieces of the novel every few months, and believed in them, and every morning kept nudging me out the door and back to my desk. It’s amazing what you can get done when you have someone believe in you.

**Q** In *All the Light We Cannot See*, what drew you to the World War II setting?

**A** I wanted to set a novel in a time and place when radio was an all-important technology. Once I discovered the seaside Breton town of Saint-Malo in France and started reading about its destruction in August of 1944, I decided to try to set my radio story there.

**Q** What writers have influenced your writing?

**A** I love Anne Carson, Cormac McCarthy, Virginia Woolf, Jim Shepard, Denis Johnson, Bruce Chatwin, Ryszard Kapuściński, Tolstoy, Hilary Mantel... hundreds more. One of my favorite writers, Dan Chaon, lives right next door to Shaker Heights.

**Q** What are you reading now?

**A** Lily King’s *Euphoria* and Jenny Offill’s *Dept. of Speculation*.

**Q** Both character and plot are critical to a book’s success. What comes first in your writing?

**A** Everything – action, character, image, metaphor, the sound of the language, the length of the paragraphs – comes together only over a long period of time. I have to compose, revise, and re-revise sentences just to understand what should happen in them. So my process involves a lot of trial and error. At first a story is just like a big gray glob of clay, and it’s only with each pass-over that I’m able to start carving out features, understanding what it’s about, etc. In early drafts I might describe, say, a bedroom, but I don’t know what is on the walls yet; or I describe a person, but don’t quite know what’s in her heart yet. It’s only through revision and time that those things start to become clear.

**Q** What is one of your biggest challenges as a writer?

**A** Sitting inside on a gorgeous day and trying to make some complicated project work when it feels like every other human is outdoors enjoying life.

**Q** Do you see all of your accolades as a boost or a burden?

**A** I try not to think about that stuff too much. Once you’re 20 minutes into your writing day, things like the marketplace, critical reception, and expectations tend to fall away. When you’re working well, it’s just you, the desk, and the sentences. And maybe a gigantic pot of green tea.

**Q** What are you working on now?

**A** I’m working on three different projects right now, but they’re all quite frail, and I’m worried if I talk about any of them, they’ll collapse. I’ll keep nursing them in the dark for a bit longer, until I see which of them can stand up on its own.

**Q** What’s your preference – books, audiobooks, or ebooks?

**A** Paper books.

**Q** We know you were a card-carrying member of the Geauga County Public Library. What library card do your sons carry?

**A** They carry cards for the Boise Public Library. **SL**



# THE STAIRS TO THE TOP:

## Shaker Schools Adopt IB District-Wide



The Shaker schools have become the eighth school district in the country, and the first in Greater Cleveland, to offer the International Baccalaureate Programme to every student. What will this mean for Shaker?

By Jennifer Proe

**W**hen the Shaker schools became authorized for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme this past June, the District completed the last step in the process to provide a full continuum of IB Programmes to every student in grades Pre-K through 12.

Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., superintendent of the Shaker schools, sees the implementation of IB throughout the District as a natural continuation of Shaker's mission: "IB really complements and enhances what the Shaker community has always believed in and supported: the arts, world languages, international travel, and critical thinking," he says.

**The IB journey, which began more than seven years ago, has required considerable effort and collaboration. Here are just a few examples:**

- Teachers, administrators, staff, and students have embraced a new learning framework and vocabulary, which includes the 10 attributes of the IB Learner Profile (see sidebar for a primer on IB).
- Teachers engage in more common planning time to create engaging inter-disciplinary units of study.
- Elementary students begin learning Mandarin Chinese in first grade, in order to expose them to another world language and culture.
- All fourth graders participate in a capstone group project, called IB Exhibition, to demonstrate deep knowledge and community action on a topic of their choosing. Woodbury students connect art with service in a program called "Woodbury Creates Change," selling their handmade wares to benefit global and local causes.
- Middle School students are designing technology-based solutions to make the world a better place.
- And High School students have more options than ever for rigorous study, adding the elective Diploma Programme to an already extensive list of Advanced Placement offerings.

**"Extraordinary work takes extraordinary effort"**

– Superintendent Nikki Woodson  
Washington Township,  
Indianapolis, Indiana





One of the first steps in developing the IB program in Shaker was to launch the elementary Mandarin Chinese language program at all five K-4 buildings. (Photo by Caydie Heller)

**Will all the hard work pay off?** Yes, according to Nikki Woodson, superintendent of Washington Township in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her district officially adopted IB for all students last year, after offering the Diploma Programme for more than 20 years.

“Extraordinary work takes extraordinary effort, but it’s worth it,” says Woodson. “As one of our students described it, IB is like taking the stairs instead of the elevator: it’s harder work, but you will be more fit at the top.”



## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN IB DISTRICT?

**Shaker now joins the ranks of seven other school districts in the U.S.** to offer IB district-wide: Hilton Central School District in New York, McAllen Schools in Texas, Oberlin City Schools in Ohio, Oxford Community Schools in Michigan, South Saint Paul Schools in Minnesota, Summit County Schools in Colorado, and Washington Township Schools in Indiana.

The districts are geographically disparate, and vary widely in the populations they serve. Some are urban, some not. The Hilton schools are of a similar size to Shaker, with 4,500 students. The McAllen, Texas schools, on the other hand, serve 30,000 students in 30 schools. The number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch also runs the gamut, from less than a quarter to nearly two-thirds of the student body.

So what is the common thread? What does it mean to be an IB district, and what are the advantages?

Barbara Surash, assistant superintendent of the Hilton Central Schools, believes that becoming an IB district has raised the bar on achievement across the board.

“IB is a great framework that allows all of our students to meet high standards,” she says. “It gives stakeholders a common vocabulary and a common purpose.”



“The IB inquiry methodology works for all students because it taps into their natural curiosity,” says Onaway principal Amy Davis.  
(Photo by Kevin G. Reeves)



## WHAT DOES IB MEAN FOR SHAKER?

**Paul Campbell, SHHS '73**, sees IB as the perfect fit for the Shaker schools. Campbell is the head of international outreach services and regional development for the International Baccalaureate Organization. He is intimately familiar with Shaker's mission, not only as an alumnus, but also as the proud uncle of several recent Shaker grads.

"The Shaker schools have always had a well-deserved reputation for excellence, but equally, they have shown a willingness to change and adapt to meet the needs of successive generations of learners," says Campbell. "The fact that the Shaker schools have embraced IB at every building is ample evidence of Shaker's ongoing dedication to innovation and excellence."

What are some of the innovations or changes that families can expect to see as a result of embracing IB district-wide?

According to Superintendent Hutchings, students will experience even more project-based learning, with clearly defined learning objectives. Also, more service opportunities will be embedded within the curriculum.

Says Hutchings, "Service is something a lot of parents have expressed an interest in, and we are looking at community partnerships and local organizations to give students the avenue to do this at every grade level."

What will not be changing is the commitment to offering as much choice as possible to students in their education, which includes a full complement of Advanced Placement courses.

"Advanced Placement is here to stay," says Hutchings. "The Diploma Programme is one component of the whole IB continuum, and students can opt in, just as they can with Honors or Advanced Placement courses. We're all about options at Shaker, and this is just another great option available to them."



Middle School students enjoy learning the concept of propulsion by designing, building, and launching their own rockets – just one of the many opportunities for hands-on learning the IB program affords. (Photos by Caydie Heller)







Last year, Woodbury students put their hands and hearts to work making more than 1,100 mugs, which they sold at a community-wide event to benefit refugees from Sudan and the Hunger Network of Shaker. Service is an essential component of the IB program, and a natural fit for a service-minded community like Shaker. (Photo by Colleen McCreary)

## MEETING IN THE MIDDLE

**As for the newest link in the chain,** the Middle Years Programme for students in grades 5-10, the biggest change will involve teachers working more collaboratively with one another to provide inter-disciplinary learning.

Says Middle School principal David Glasner, “Seventh-grade students engage in an in-depth and inter-disciplinary study of the Silk Road that focuses on their own personal identity and cultural heritage and that requires them to master skills and content across all four core subject areas.”

In addition, all students at the Middle School will now take a semester-long IB Design course, in both seventh and eighth grades, which challenges students to work together using technology to do some creative problem solving.

“In the IB Design course, we expect students to explore green solutions to contemporary issues such as recycling, energy efficiency, and clean water across the globe,” says Glasner. Students will have hands-on opportunities to work with 21st century technologies such as coding, 3-D printing, and robotics.”

Says Woodbury principal Danny Young, “The IB philosophy gives our teachers the teaching practices to ensure we are reaching our core values: namely, that each student is valued, every student must succeed, and diversity makes us stronger.”



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– Superintendent  
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr.



The IB Exhibition project allows fourth graders throughout the District to research and take action on an issue of global concern. This group of Lomond students tackled the problem of oil spills and how to prevent them. (Photo by Caydie Heller)

## TODAY SHAKER, TOMORROW THE WORLD

**Ultimately, to be an IB district means providing the roadmap** for students to become true citizens of the world.

As Onaway principal Amy Davis observes, “When you walk into any [Shaker] classroom, you’ll see deep thinking on a particular topic. It starts with the individual, and then moves out to include a wide variety of viewpoints. The IB inquiry methodology works for all students because it taps into their natural curiosity.”

High School history teacher Tim Mitchell, who coordinates the Diploma Programme, has this to say about students who reach the pinnacle of the IB continuum: “What impresses me is their passion for learning, which goes beyond the academics. They recognize the world beyond Shaker Heights, beyond the United States. They bring an unusual degree of compassion for one another.”

And that, says Superintendent Hutchings, is the goal: “The IB philosophy encourages our students to become self-directed learners and creative problem solvers, as well as to become selfless. It’s all about giving back to our world, not just taking. After our students graduate, they won’t remember every specific lesson for a lifetime we have taught them. It’s the type of learner and citizen they have become that will stay with them for a lifetime.”



The IB philosophy encourages students to use 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies to bring their concepts and solutions to life. Here, Shaker High engineering teacher Joe Marencik helps students use a 3D printer to create cars they designed. (Photo by Caydie Heller)

## AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PRIMER

■ The International Baccalaureate (IB) program was founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968 as a way to provide a rigorous and holistic education that could be recognized internationally.

■ IB is an educational framework, not a curriculum. “Common Core standards are what we teach; IB is the way we teach,” says superintendent Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr.

■ IB is now offered at more than 4,100 schools throughout the world and more than 1,600 schools throughout the U.S.

■ The hallmarks of the IB program are hands-on projects, student-led inquiry, putting community service into action, and a global focus.

■ IB students are encouraged to adopt the 10 attributes of the IB Learner Profile: Inquirer, Knowledgeable, Thinker, Communicator, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-taker, Balanced, and Reflective.

■ In 2010, Shaker Heights High School became authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme to students in grades 11-12. Soon after, all five elementary schools became authorized to offer the IB Primary Years Programme for grades Pre-K through 4. In June of 2015, the District received authorization for the Middle Years Programme for students in grades 5-10, completing the IB continuum. **SL**



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## Events & Popular Programs for Adults

**The Chess Club** for adults and teens meets from 6-8 pm the first and third Mondays of each month at Main Library. Residents are invited to drop in and play and enjoy refreshments.

If knitting is your passion, the Library offers two opportunities each month to get and give help on projects or to just knit or crochet with others. **Knit Mornings** are held from 10 am to noon on Wednesdays, October 7, November 4, and December 2 at Main Library. **Knit Nights** are held from 7-8:45 pm Wednesdays, October 21, November 18, and December 16 at Woods Branch.

**The African-American Genealogical Society** holds its monthly meetings at Shaker Library on the fourth Saturday of the month. Membership meetings begin at 9:30

am and all visitors interested in joining are welcome. After a break and refreshments, a genealogy program, workshop, or featured event is offered each month at 10:15 am. Programs are open to the public.

## Events & Popular Programs for Children & Teens

The following programs are for students in grades 7-12 and are held at the Teen Center on the Main Library's second floor. It is open from 3:30-7 pm Monday through Thursday and 1:30-5 pm on November 2, 3, 23, 24, and 25.

**Wired-up Wednesdays:** 3:30-5:30 pm Wednesdays, October 7, November 11, and December 16. Come alone or bring a friend to play the latest video games on the Wii and PS4.

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### **Teens Write Letters**

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Wednesday, November 4. We'll give you the supplies, samples, and ideas for writing a letter to a local veteran in gratitude for their service. It takes only a few minutes and can mean a lot this Veterans Day.

**Teens Make Candy Houses:** 4-5 pm  
Wednesday, December 9. Here's your chance to be an architect. Build your very own candy house using graham crackers, frosting, and other sweet treats at this event sure to satisfy any sweet tooth.



**Got Fines? Read Them Down.** Teens can present their library cards at the Youth Services Desk to earn coupons towards paying off current overdue fines on Shaker Library material. Earn a \$2 Library Buck coupon for every 15 minutes spent reading with the potential of earning \$8. From 3:30-5:30 pm October 20 and November 19, and 2-4 pm December 28, in the Main Library Teen Center. From 3-5 pm October 2, November 6, and December 18 at Woods Branch. No registration is required.

### **Bridging the Achievement Gap:**

Connect with students and community residents to overcome the educational achievement gap in our schools. The kick-off event for the Bridging the Gap campaign will be held from 7-8:30 pm Thursday, October 8 at Main Library and will be led by the Student Group on Race Relations at Shaker Heights High School and co-sponsored by the Library. Register online at [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org) or call 216-991-2030.

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## Events & Popular Programs for Preschoolers

**Play and Learn Station:** Main Library, 10 am–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays. 6–8 pm Tuesdays. A free preschool literacy program offering interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years. No registration is required; call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.

**Play and Learn Station for Caregivers:** Main Library, 10 am–noon Wednesdays. A preschool literacy program offering interactive opportunities for non-parent caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years. A one-time registration is required. Play and Learn programs are offered in partnership with Family Connections.

**Story Time for Children with Special Needs and Their Families at Woods Branch:** 10 am Saturdays, October 10, November 14. Specifically designed for children with special needs and their families, the program features books, songs, puppets, a schedule board, and sensory opportunities in an easily accessible room.

No registration is required for Story Time programs; however, groups of six or more are asked to call ahead to check for space availability.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten:** Shaker Library and 1000 Books Foundation invite you to participate in a free program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten. Read with your child and keep track of the books you share. For every 100 books shared, visit Shaker Library and receive a special certificate. Visit the Children's Room at either library for more information.

For a complete list of Shaker Library's fall programs for preschoolers and school-age children, go to the events & classes link at [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org). Fall programs include Butterfly Hands for Babies, Drop-in Story Times, origami, reading to dogs, American Doll programs, family Lego nights, a scavenger hunt, and science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) projects.



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Anne Batzell donated to the Ruth Levenson Fund for Children, and Joyce Flescher donated to the Bertram Woods Branch Fund in honor of Jean and David Foxman.

Donations to the Local History Collection included material on the creation of the Local History collection 1993-2001, notes on a proposed Shaker Heights Community History and Book Project 1999-2002, publications on social and environmental conditions of greater Cleveland from Jan Devereaux, a Fernway Elementary School handbook circa 1980 from Virginia Scholech, and copies of photos from Sussex Elementary School from Karin Rosegger.

**Homegoings, Crossings, and Passings: Life and Death in the African Diaspora** was donated by the book's editor, Regennia N. Williams. Author Marlene S. Englander donated a copy of **My Dear Hindalla Remember Me: Letters from a Lost World, May 1937- January 1940**, and Nina Gibans donated articles she wrote for the Sun News, Fine Arts Magazine, Arts Focus, and The Plain Dealer.

To make a donation to the Local History Collection, contact Local History librarian Meghan Hays. To make a donation to the Library, contact Library Director Luren Dickinson at 216-991-2030.

### Holiday Hours

Closed at 5:30 pm Wednesday, November 25 and all day Thursday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Closed at 5:30 pm Thursday, December 31 and all day Friday, January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday.

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This astonishing story was inspired by the life of the legendary Qing dynasty courtesan, Sai Jinhua, who lived and loved in the extraordinary twilight decades of the Qing dynasty. The timeless tale of temptation and redemption shines a light on the history of China's relations with the West.

#### ***Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff.**

The award-winning, New York Times bestselling author of *The Monsters of Templeton* and *Arcadia*, delivers an exhilarating novel about marriage, creativity, art, perception, and power. Readers learn that things are more complicated than they seem in this rich, layered novel about a marriage over the course of 24 years.

#### ***Fear of Dying* by Erica Jong.**

Managing her dying parents, her aging husband, and her pregnant daughter, a former actress in her 60s wonders if her fountain of youth fantasies could be fulfilled on zipless.com, a site that promises no-strings attached encounters. With the help of her best friend, she begins to question if what she's looking for might be close at hand after all.

#### ***Finale: A Novel of the Reagan Years* by Thomas Mallon.**

This grand work of fiction dramatizes the bizarre intersection of Hollywood and Washington, D.C., bringing to life the administration of Ronald Reagan whose genial remoteness confounds his subordinates, his children, and the citizens who elected him.

#### ***Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart.**

A New York Times best-selling author offers a fascinating novel based on the true story of one of our nation's first female deputy sheriffs.

#### ***Losing Me* by Sue Margolis.**

While caring for her mother, husband, children, and grandchildren, Barbara Stirling is too busy to find herself; however, when she loses her job, everything changes. Exhausted, lonely, and unemployed, she must face her feelings and doubts.

#### ***Purity* by Jonathan Franzen.**

In this story of youthful idealism, extreme fidelity, and murder, the author creates a world of vividly original characters – Californians and East Germans, good parents and bad parents, journalists and leakers, and their intertwining paths.

#### ***Secondhand Souls* by Christopher Moore.**

Something strange is happening in San Francisco. People are dying, but their souls are not being collected in this delightfully weird and funny sequel to the New York Times bestseller *A Dirty Job*.

#### ***This is Your Life, Harriet Chance!* by Jonathan Evison.**

A 78-year-old widow sets sail on an Alaskan cruise only to discover that she's been living the past 60 years under false pretenses. She is forced to take a long look back and confront the truth about pivotal events that changed the course of her life.

#### ***Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights* by Salman Rushdie.**

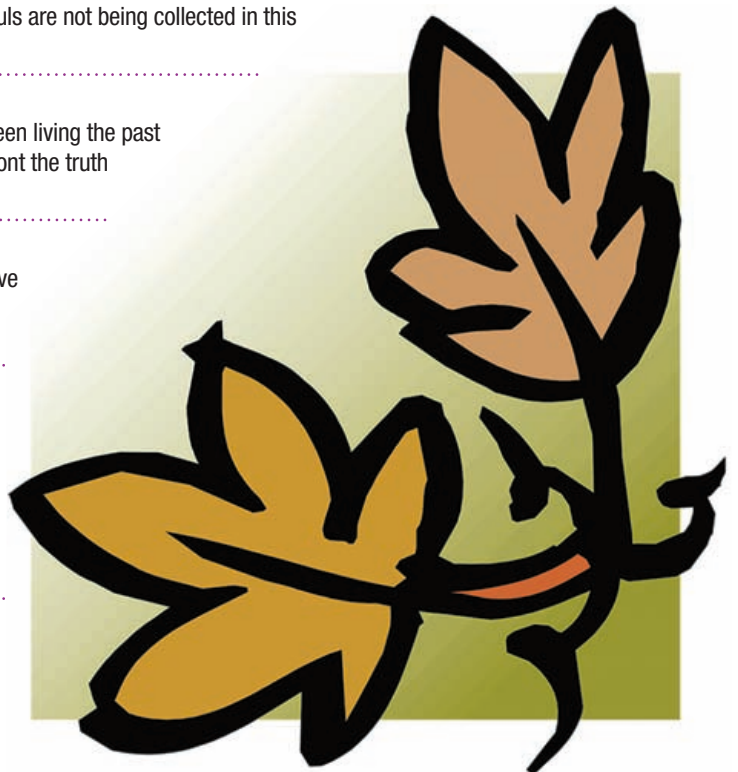
This spellbinding work of fiction blends history and mythology with a timeless love story in an enchanting meditation on the power of love and the importance of rationality, replete with flying carpets and dynastic intrigue.

#### ***Undermajordomo Minor* by Patrick deWitt.**

While tending to his new post as undermajordomo at the Castle Von Aux, Lucien Minor discovers the place harbors many dark secrets, among them the whereabouts of the castle's master, Baron Von Aux. The author's long-awaited follow-up to the internationally bestselling and critically acclaimed novel *The Sisters Brothers* is a love story, adventure, fable without a moral, and a comedy of bad manners.

#### ***Vintage* by David Baker.**

This humorous debut novel is the story of a food journalist's attempts to save his career, and possibly his marriage, by tracking a valuable 50-year-old bottle of wine stolen by the Nazis. It reads like a delectable food memoir and comic travelogue with mouthwatering recipes and wine pairings. **SL**



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### OCTOBER

## 10/7

**6-8:30 pm Wednesday**  
**Opening Reception for Guild of  
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Loganberry Books Annex Gallery  
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216-795-9800

## 10/10

**9 am Saturday**  
**Ghosts and Goblins 5K**

This family themed event includes a 5K run and a 1-mile fun run to raise money for the Lynn Ruffner Recreation for Youth Scholarship Fund, which provides recreation opportunities for children. Participate in one or both. Prizes awarded for overall and age group winners in the 5K. All participants receive a complimentary gift. Costumes encouraged. \$10/1-miler; \$25/5K

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216-491-1295

## 10/11

**2 pm Sunday**  
**Bike Shaker:**  
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SHS Board member Greydon Petznick, architect, and Bike Shaker leader Rick Smith lead a bike tour of historic Shaker Heights. View homes and buildings designed by Cleveland architects Charles Schneider and Clarence Mack. See Plymouth Church and take in the

sights of Shaker Square. \$15/person with your own bike; \$20/person with bike rental. SHS Members receive a \$5 discount.

Shaker Historical Society  
16740 South Park Boulevard  
shakerhistory.org  
216-921-1201

## 10/14

**4-8 pm Wednesday**  
**Friends of the Shaker Library  
Book Sale**

Browse and buy from thousands of books in dozens of well-organized categories at prices as low as 50¢. The sale continues Thursday through Sunday, October 18.

Shaker Library  
16500 Van Aken Boulevard  
shakerlibrary.org  
216-991-2030

## 10/16

**6:30-8:30 pm Friday**  
**Annual Family Campfire Night**

Enjoy a fun evening of hiking, campfire stories and songs, games, and, of course, s'mores! Bring camp chairs and marshmallow sticks. S'mores fixings and hot apple cider provided. \$5/person; with a \$25 maximum per family of up to 6 people. Please register by October 14.

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes  
2600 South Park Boulevard  
shakerlakes.org  
216-321-5935

## 10/18

**10 am-5 pm Sunday**  
**NOBS Cleveland Antiquarian  
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Cleveland Skating Club  
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# 10/19

**7-8:30 pm Monday**

**PubReads at Academy Tavern**

Enjoy a beer with your biography? A martini with your mystery? Join in a "spirited" discussion of *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson, the true story of the luxury ship Lusitania, her captain, crew, and passengers on her last crossing. Copies will be available at the Main Library Reference desk to borrow and at Loganberry Books to buy.

Academy Tavern  
12800 Larchmere Boulevard  
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# 10/28

**1-2:30 pm Wednesday**

**Halloween Ball and Luncheon**

A frightfully good time will be had by all adults 50 and over who attend this ball and luncheon. Share a good time with friends and see why Halloween is not just for kids. Those who come in costume will have an opportunity to win a prize. \$9 paid reservations due by October 23.

Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building,  
Room 114  
3450 Lee Road  
216-491-1360

# 10/31

**10 am-noon Saturday**

**Bat Box Workshop**

Help bats recover from white nosed syndrome and join bat conservation organizations from all over the U.S. to set a world record to build 5,000 bat boxes in one day. In honor of the Nature Center's 50th Anniversary, the goal is to build 50 bat boxes. Workshop includes tools and all materials as well as instructions on where and how to place the bat box to attract bats and take advantage of natural mosquito management. Participate as an individual, family, or group. Cost is \$30 per bat box. Pre-registration is encouraged to secure enough bat boxes. For more information on bats, visit batconservation.org.

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes  
2600 South Park Boulevard  
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# 10/31

**4-8 pm Saturday**

**Halloween Candy Run**

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## NOVEMBER

# 11/5

7 pm Thursday

**FolkNet**

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# 11/6, 13

7:45-9 pm Friday

**Friday Night DJ Skates**

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Thornton Park Ice Arena  
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216-491-1290

# 11/10

7 pm Tuesday

**Debra Ann November Speaker Series**

Felton Thomas, Director of the Cleveland Public Library, will speak at the Shaker Family Center about early literacy. Tickets are required. Please call or visit the website for more information.

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# 11/14

**10 am-noon Saturday**

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Nature Center at Shaker Lakes  
2600 South Park Boulevard  
shakerlakes.org  
216-321-5935

# 11/19

**7 pm Thursday**

## **Fall High School Theatre Production of Romeo and Juliet**

Save the date and enjoy the home-grown talents of our Shaker High School thespians. Shows also at 7 pm on Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21.

Shaker Heights High School  
15911 Aldersyde Road  
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## DECEMBER

# 12/4

**5-7 pm Friday**

## **Artist's Reception**

This art exhibit features the work of James McNamara, a Northeast Ohio artist and educator known for his colorful and expressive still lifes, landscapes, and sensuous woodblocks. The exhibit runs through February. The reception is free to the public and offers light refreshments.

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes  
2600 South Park Boulevard  
shakerlakes.org  
216-321-5935

# 12/7 & 8

**9 am-6 pm Monday & Tuesday**

## **Used Toy Sale Drop Off**

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## Venture Out

# 12/9 & 10

**6-7:30 pm Wednesday**

### Used Toy Sale

Everything old is new again! Browse and buy like-new toys for your tots. Sale continues from 9 am-noon on Thursday.

Shaker Family Center Gym  
19824 Sussex Road  
[familyconnections1.org](http://familyconnections1.org)  
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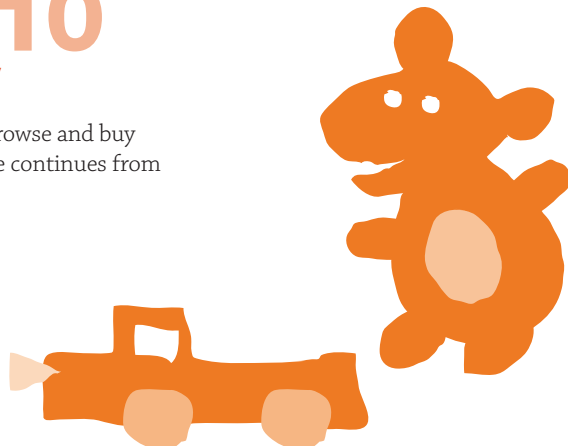
# 12/9

**1-2:30 pm Wednesday**

### Holiday Lunch

Annual lunch for adults 50 and over. Join friends and other members of the community in exchanging holiday greetings at this much anticipated event. Space is limited. \$9 reservations fee must be received by Friday, December 4.

Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, Room 114  
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# 12/14

**7:30 pm Monday**

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## Scene in Shaker

# Switching Careers, the **Shaker Mom** Way

By Beth Friedman-Romell

This fall, as my older son boards a plane for study in Japan, and my younger one marches off to begin 9th grade at Shaker Heights High School, I'll be catching the Rapid down to Cleveland State University, to begin my training as a music therapist.

My career path has taken several turns I never anticipated. My degrees are in theater, but I've worked as a writer, editor, cantor/spiritual leader, Hebrew and Judaics teacher, and even did a brief stint in development and public relations for a non-profit. I've been fortunate to find work I enjoy, and a schedule which has given me lots of time at home with my family. Work-life balance is the main reason I never pursued a tenure-track job in academia, as I'd planned.

But there have been tradeoffs. Now that the boys are nearly grown, I'd like a position with full-time pay, a short commute, and employee benefits. But full-time jobs in my current field are getting scarcer by the year, and almost certainly would require me to relocate. I've been thinking for quite a while about what my "next chapter" might be, all the while fearing that the job market has left me in the dust.

It used to be that if you could write and speak well, and had some connections, it didn't take long to find work. We all know that world is gone. Employers want people who are already doing exactly the job they've posted. Over 50? Overqualified. Changing careers? Sorry, you don't have the right piece of paper for that.

Ironically, my parents insisted that I major in English alongside theater in college, "to have something to fall back on." What I'm actually falling back on now is my earliest and most enduring passion – music.

As I've shared my plans with others, I've been relieved to discover how many other Shaker moms have gone back to school or switched fields at mid-life. (Allison, Sybille, Caroline, Molly – you are my inspiration!)

Anyone contemplating a career shift does a lot of soul-searching. List-making, too. I listed the things I love to do: teaching, learning, making music, communicating with and helping people. I reflected on whether or not I was willing to sit at a computer or desk all day, every day. I factored in the reality of my chronic illness, which flares only under extreme stress. I thought about all the times I'd experienced the transforming power of music to lift mood, ease suffering, facilitate learning, and make connections between people, and how I'd wished I knew how to do it all so much better. Finally, my childhood friend Laura pushed me over the edge.

"You're too old to be entry-level at something else. The minute you walk into the room, they'll think you've been doing music therapy for years, even if you haven't. They'll trust you. You should do this."

Blunt, but it seems to be true that my age and experience won't count against me in this field. It will take me three years to complete my coursework, internship, and certification. For now, I'm keeping my current job, and my fingers crossed that I won't collapse or run out of money.

When I visit CSU's campus, I feel both exhilarated and daunted. How will I fit in with the traditional undergraduates? Will I struggle in classes like Statistics and Anatomy? Will I measure up musically in this environment? I admit it – despite all my years of playing and performing, some part of me still feels like an imposter.

I'll be turning 50 in January. Some people would celebrate this by going on a big trip or throwing a party. Me? I'm getting another bachelor's degree. **SL**

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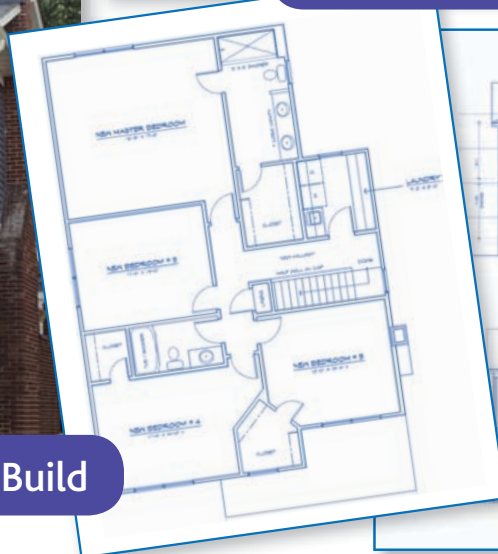
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