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## From Our Readers

I am this year's recipient of the Shaker Life Award for Excellence in Journalism. I am beyond honored to receive this award because it is a symbol of how hard I have worked on the Shakerite this past year. I am going to be a co-editor in chief this next school year and I plan to use the money accompanying this award to better the paper.

Thank you so much and I hope to continue the journalistic excellence that got me this award.

Thank You  
David Graham Fine

## Candidates Night Forum

The Shaker Heights League of Women Voters will hold its annual Candidates Night Forum at 7 pm Monday, October 10, at the Middle School. Residents will be able to meet candidates and hear their ideas for the Schools' and the City's future.

There are four City Council vacancies and seven candidates for those seats, including incumbents. Councilman Al Foster is retiring. As of the end of August, the candidates were:

James Brady (incumbent)  
Ed Long  
Nancy Moore (incumbent)  
Christopher Ramsay  
Julianna Senturia  
Dartanian Warr  
Earl Williams (incumbent)

There are two Board of Education vacancies and three candidates for those seats. Freda Levenson is retiring. As of the end of August, the candidates were:

Bill Clawson  
Reuben Harris, Jr.  
Peter Robertson (incumbent)

Mayor Earl Leiken and Municipal Judge K.J. Montgomery are unchallenged, but have been invited to speak.

## Don't Miss the SHFD Open House: Saturday, October 1

Bring the whole family to the Shaker Heights Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 1, from 1 to 3 pm. The event takes place at the Fire House at 17000 Chagrin Boulevard. Help the firefighters kick off Fire Prevention week by getting a behind-the-scenes peek at the life of a firefighter. Come and enjoy:

- Refreshments
- Kids activities
- Station and fire truck tours
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## City Completes "Safe Routes to School" Improvements

The City used grant funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to make infrastructure improvements this summer around four schools – Shaker Middle School, Onaway, Boulevard, and Woodbury.

The state funding allowed the City to paint new crosswalks, install new sidewalk ramps, and replace school zone signs and flashers. New countdown pedestrian signals were also installed at four primary intersections: Warrensville/Shaker, Warrensville/South Woodland, South Woodland/Southington/Woodbury, and South Woodland/South Park.

The goal of the SRTS program is to improve safety and encourage and en-

able children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk or ride their bikes to school. A joint City-School District task force completed a Safe Routes to School Travel Plan in 2009 in order to qualify for the funding.

## Shaker Arts Council Presents At Home with the Arts, December 2

The Shaker Arts Council (SHAC) will sponsor At Home with the Arts (AHA) on Friday, December 2 at 7 pm, as part of an ongoing series presenting high caliber performing artists with a Shaker connection in a home-like setting. Past concerts have featured concert pianists, vocalists, and guitarists at intimate Shaker homes or landmarks, as audience members relaxed with a glass of wine or beer and light hors d'oeuvres.

On Friday, December 2 at 7 pm, clarinetist Luiz Coelho and pianist Madeline Bloom Levitz will perform music from the Americas, North and South, featuring spicy and colorful sounds of jazz, Latin rhythms, and passionate melodies.

Coelho, a native of Brazil, is a conductor in the Shaker schools and is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has performed with the Cleveland Orchestra and has toured in South America, Europe, and China. Bloom Levitz, a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and The Juilliard School in New York City, has performed in South America, Europe, Canada, and the U.S., and teaches piano in her Shaker Heights studio.

The cost for the program is \$35 (\$30 for SHAC members), and includes wine and light hors d'oeuvres with dessert afterward. Attendance is limited to 40. Register online at



## Home-Based Business News

### Online Store Helps Residents Wear Their Pride for Shaker

Shaker resident Mark Lowery has launched a new home-based business called Shakerpride, which taps into our community's strong pride of place. Shakerpride is an online store that sells items that promote and celebrate Shaker Heights. The store offers a wide range of items, including t-shirts, jackets, athletic performance apparel, hats, blankets, coffee mugs, tote bags, and more – all with professionally designed logos.

Shakerpride is the first to be included under an umbrella company Lowery established, Community Pride Clothing, which serves as a hub for several online community stores. Community Pride partners with Colorado Timberline, a Denver-based leader in fleece and microfiber garments and accessories.

Lowery's vision for the company was inspired by an old sweatshirt he snagged at a garage sale. "It's maroon with 'Shaker Heights' in bold letters. I wear it when I'm doing yard work and one of my neighbors usually asks where I bought the sweatshirt. In fact, after receiving numerous comments about it, I decided I'd get my wife one for her birthday," he says. After searching to no avail, he determined there was a need for items promoting our fair city.

Says Lowery, "Shakerites are a diverse and proud population. Most could live anywhere they want, but we choose to live here. Shakerpride will provide good-quality, affordable items for those who wish to wear their pride on their sleeves."

To shop the store, visit [www.shakerpride.gigabitprint.com](http://www.shakerpride.gigabitprint.com). For more information, contact Mark Lowery at 216-272-0188, or by email at [cpclothing@roadrunner.com](mailto:cpclothing@roadrunner.com).

### Personal Chef Helps Families Eat Well, Stress Less

Andrea Landow, Shaker resident and passionate cook, wants to help Heights area families solve what she calls "the eternal four o'clock question of what's for dinner?" Her new home-based business, called Stress Less Gourmet, offers fresh, made-from-scratch meals using locally sourced ingredients when possible.

The best part? "I do the grocery shopping, come to your kitchen, cook four to five meals for the week, clean up, and leave. You'll never know I was there, except that there will be a hot dinner in the oven for you when you get home, and four more in the freezer with instructions simple enough for an eight-year-old to reheat," says Landow.

She envisions the service filling a need for busy, working parents who might otherwise eat out – which can be just as expensive and probably less healthy than her lovingly prepared home-cooked meals. The service may also be a boon to those recovering from surgery, or as a thoughtful gift for new mothers. Customers can pay for their own meals, or purchase a gift certificate, via cash, check, or credit card.

"I love to cook, and I cook every kind of food," says Landow. "After a consultation with the customer, I develop a list of menus. At the end of the week, I'll have the customer circle the ones they liked, put a star by anything they loved, and a line through anything they did not like, so I can tailor future menus to their tastes." And if a customer has a favorite family recipe – say Mom's famous meatloaf – she is more than happy to add it to the repertoire.

Landow procures as much food as possible from local sources, including farmer's markets, community-supported agriculture (CSA), and her own plot at the Unitarian Church Community Garden. In addition to supporting the local

economy through food sourcing, Landow also generously donates 20 percent of the company's profits to the Cleveland Foodbank.

To learn more about Stress Less Gourmet visit [www.stress-less-gourmet.com](http://www.stress-less-gourmet.com). To arrange an initial consultation, contact Landow at 216-502-6778, or at [Andrea@stress-less-gourmet.com](mailto:Andrea@stress-less-gourmet.com).

## At Home with the Arts

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[shakerartscouncil.org](http://shakerartscouncil.org) (select Support/Donate) or send a check made payable to the Shaker Arts Council at PMB 232, 16781 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker Heights, 44120. Registrants will receive confirmation of the location in November.

For more information, call 216-561-7454 or email [info@shakerartscouncil.org](mailto:info@shakerartscouncil.org).

## Ornamental Crabapple Wins 2011 Heritage Tree Award

Mrs. John A. Horner, Jr. of the Village Garden Club nominated this year's recipient of the Heritage Tree Award, a beautiful ornamental crabapple tree. The tree boasts a 32-foot crown and a circumference of 54 inches, and can be found along the walking path at Horseshoe Lake on South Park Boulevard between Lee and Attleboro roads.

Says Mrs. Horner, "Along with the other flowering trees at the site, loving care, spraying every year, fertilizing every other year, and pruning professionally every four years by the Village Garden Club has produced this beautiful tree."

The site was started by nine women residents of Shaker Heights in 1930. Over the years, the trees have been dedicated to deceased members of the Village Garden Club.

## City Celebrates Arbor Day

In celebration of Arbor Day, members of the Shaker Heights High School Environmental Club planted a cucumber tree, otherwise known as a blue magnolia, at Southerly Park.

For the 26th consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named Shaker Heights as a Tree City USA. Shaker meets the Tree City criteria by having a tree advisory board, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry department, and an annual Arbor Day observance.

## Business News

### Shaker LaunchHouse "Idea Competition" Rewards Innovative Students

Shaker LaunchHouse recently teamed up with Cleveland State University's Monte Ahuja College of Business Accelerated MBA Program to sponsor an idea contest for the area's most innovative young thinkers.

Students from Northeast Ohio colleges and universities were invited to pitch a business concept to a panel of entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, CSU faculty, and LaunchHouse staff. The contest primarily focused on innovative ideas in the fields of software and Internet technology, low-tech medical devices, and clean energy.

Austin Schmidt and Solomon Alkhasov, recent Case Western Reserve University mechanical engineering students, were the top winners with a company they created called Affinity Algorithms. Their company develops proprietary computer arbitrage software, which facilitates transactions between buyers and sellers in various online marketplaces.

The second place winner was Ronny Shalev, also a student at Case, who created an autonomous intravenous (IV) insertion tool that acts as an effective replacement for the current procedure of manual vein localization and needle insertion.



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Contest winners were each awarded a \$2,500 scholarship to the Global AMBA program, along with a \$500 check and support services from LaunchHouse to help get their new businesses off the ground. The winners also have the opportunity to compete for up to \$5,000 in follow-up funding.

## Shaker News Briefs

Shaker resident **Larry Goodman** has been named Interim Head of School at The Ratner School, a co-educational independent day school for children in Pepper Pike, for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Formerly the director of Strategic Programming at Laurel School, Goodman will lead grades 1-8 and the Montessori program for younger children at Ratner.

Barbara Miller, board chair of Ratner, says, "We had the great fortune to attract a number of highly qualified applicants from across the country. In addition to his impressive track record as an academic leader, Dr. Goodman's stellar reputation among the region's educational community and deep connection to Northeast Ohio made him the first choice of the search committee."

Goodman lives in Shaker with his wife, Anne, who serves as president and CEO of the Cleveland Foodbank. The Goodmans have two school-aged children.

Goodman is on the board of the MetroHealth Foundation and the Cleveland chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago.

## Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm October 8 & 22 and November 5 & 19 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

**Brush and Leaves on the Tree Lawn:** Use of the tree lawn for clippings, leaves

or brush ends on December 15, after which collection vehicles are equipped with snow plows. Landscapers must haul yard waste until April, when tree lawn collection resumes.

**Child Care Seats:** Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks on car and booster seats required by the State, by appointment only. Call 216-491-1200. Appointments are subject to staff availability.

**E-News Updates:** Don't miss a thing! Sign up to receive emailed news about your community. Visit the homepage of [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) and enter your email to select the information you wish to receive.

**House Numbers:** City ordinance requires residents to display their address in a way that is clearly visible from the street – either above the door, on the door frame or door step of the entrance, or on a sign in the yard or tree lawn directly in front of the home. Homeowners should trim shrubbery as needed and remove any snow that may obscure a sign placed in the ground.

**Jogging:** Street joggers may not obstruct traffic and are required to wear reflective clothing at night.

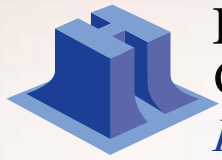
**Parking Ban:** There is no parking permitted on Shaker streets between 2 and 6 am.

**Trash Delays:** Collections scheduled for Thanksgiving and the day after will be delayed by one day. Call the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed a day, sign up for the City's email list at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

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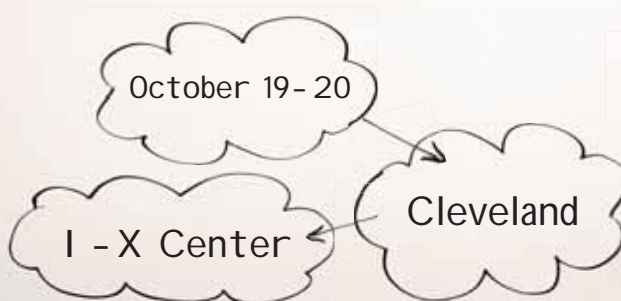
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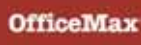
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# The Shaker Schools Update

## Paging Shaker Students....

A record number of Shaker students this year swapped their jeans and book bags for lab coats and stethoscopes as participants in the prestigious Cleveland Clinic Summer Internship Program. Six Shaker students were selected for the intensive, nine-week paid internship, which provides top students from Northeast Ohio with the opportunity to work and learn alongside nationally renowned physicians and researchers.

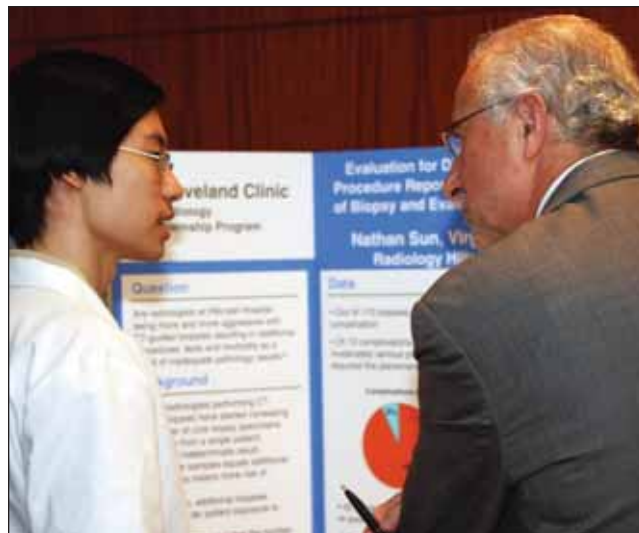
Rosalind Strickland, senior director of the Office of Civic Education Initiatives at the Clinic, makes it clear that the program is not just about shadowing and observing medical professionals. "This is an amazing experience for the students. They are actively engaged in their work, with a job description and work duties in the departments where they are assigned. They are considered a part of the team, and we treat them like any other employee."

To qualify, the students must be 16 or older, maintain a GPA of at least 3.5, have a strong interest in science, and undergo a rigorous application and interview process.

In addition to their daily work duties, the students were also expected to complete a research project, which they presented to their department and later will present at school. "We require them to follow the same research methodology as our medical residents," says Strickland. The presentations were videotaped so that the students could learn how to improve their presentation skills.

"The fact that I have the chance to experience scientific research at such a young age is truly invaluable," Clara Kao says of her work in the anatomical pathology department. "My research project involved the study of a specific gene's role in gastric and gastroesophageal cancer and its use in treatment. It's a really nice program because I got to work in both a clinical and laboratory setting."

Says aspiring nurse Gala Hughley, who worked in the quality management department, "I had plenty of patient interaction, which is exactly what I wanted to experience. I was also part of a disaster drill at



**Shaker Heights High School** student Nathan Sun explains his research project to an evaluator at the end of the Cleveland Clinic Summer Internship program.

Euclid Hospital, and that was very exciting."

"The nurses and doctors in the radiology department were so nice and always encouraged me to ask questions," says Nathan Sun, whose internship included stints in radiology, orthopedics, and cardiology.

Rachel Jensen's experience in the anesthesiology department ran the gamut, from observing open heart surgery to writing and submitting a case report. "This internship has helped me to develop research and career skills that will be valuable to me as I pursue a health care career," she says.

For Claire Lo, observing in the pediatric operating room was a high point. "The surgical and anesthesia teams had clearly worked together for years, since they performed every part of the operation with the efficiency of a machine," she says. "I felt honored to be an observer, and I could imagine myself one day working in their shoes."

Lizzy Wood, who worked in perioperative care, echoed that sentiment. "The program has definitely increased my desire to pursue a career in medicine, because I have seen the passion of the nurses and the impact they have on each other and their patients. It has shown me what I can accomplish and how I can help those around me achieve their goals as well."

**Participating** in the Cleveland Clinic Summer Internship program were (clockwise from bottom left): Clara Kao, Lizzie Wood, Claire Lo, Gala Hughley, Nathan Sun, and Rachel Jensen. All are students at Shaker Heights High School.



## October 10: Tour Your Schools Day



The Shaker schools will open their doors to the community on Monday, October 10, from 9:30 am-noon and from 1-2:30 pm. Tour Your Schools Day is a great opportunity to see dynamic teaching and active learning in classrooms at all eight buildings.

No appointment is necessary; all visitors will be asked to sign in at the main office of the schools they visit. Volunteers, students, and staff members are eager to welcome visitors and to show them around.

Principals have set aside special times to meet with prospective residents and parents who are considering the Shaker schools:

K-4 schools: 10:30 am  
Woodbury: 9:30 am  
Middle School: 1 pm  
High School: 11 am

Can't make it that day? Residents, prospective residents, and parents who are considering the Shaker schools can request a tour online at [www.shaker.org/planyourvisit.aspx](http://www.shaker.org/planyourvisit.aspx) or call 216-295-1400.

### We've had a makeover!

For the latest news and information about the Shaker Schools, visit our all-new website at [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org). We've redesigned the site to make it easier to find what you need, when you need it. To receive regular e-news updates, select E-Newsletter in the red box on the home page.

## Alums in the News

**Dick Brubaker**, '50, has been inducted into the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame. While at Shaker, Brubaker played on the Raiders' 1949 Lake Erie League championship football team. He was starting end and captain on the 1954 Ohio State national championship football team that capped a perfect season with a 20-7 win over USC in the Rose Bowl. He went on to play defensive end and tight end for the NFL's Chicago Cardinals in 1955 before serving in the U.S. Navy, and returned to the Cardinals for the 1957 season, later playing tight end for the Buffalo Bills in 1960.

**Lynn E. Enterline**, '74, was named Chancellor's Professor of English at Vanderbilt University. The distinguished professorship is bestowed on "scholars of exceptional national and international stature." Enterline earned a B.A. in English from Vanderbilt and was a Rhodes Scholar, later earning a master's degree and Ph.D. in English from Cornell University. She previously taught at Yale University. A former fellow of the Folger Shakespeare Library, she recently published *Shakespeare's Schoolroom: Rhetoric, Discipline, Emotion*, a book about early modern pedagogy and the Latin grammar school.

**Laurel Richie**, '77, is the new president of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She is the first black president of any major sports league. Prior to joining the WNBA, Richie was senior vice president and chief marketing officer at Girl Scouts of the USA, and was a marketing executive for 24 years at Ogilvy & Mather, where she was the first black woman to serve on the board. She has been the recipient of the YMCA's Black Achievers Award and *Ebony* magazine's Outstanding Women in Marketing and Communications.

**Buddy Squires**, '73, cinematographer, was Director of Photography for the 2011 Oscar-winning short documentary *Strangers No More*. The film tells the story of a remarkable school in Tel Aviv where children from 48 countries come together to learn. His past cinematography credits include six Oscar-nominated films, 22 Emmy nominations and one Emmy Award. In 2007, Squires was honored with the International Documentary Association's Outstanding Documentary Cinematography award.



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21975 CALVERTON RD	\$220,000	\$255,000 (2005)
2731 CHESTERTON RD	\$742,500	\$655,000 (2009)
2735 CRANLYN RD	\$708,750	\$650,000 (2003)
3315 DALEFORD RD	\$250,000	\$255,000 (2004)
2920 DRUMMOND RD	\$599,000	\$587,500 (2004)
2706 DRYDEN RD	\$520,000	\$650,000 (2005)
3321 ELSMERE RD	\$187,500	\$200,000 (2007)
16801 FERNWAY RD	\$237,000	\$335,000 (2004)
2993 FONTENAY RD	\$745,000	\$662,500 (2003)
3657 GRIDLEY RD	\$149,000	\$178,000 (2002)
3651 RAWNSDALE RD	\$180,000	\$249,900 (2003)
3722 RAWNSDALE RD	\$205,000	\$259,000 (2003)
3346 STOCKHOLM RD	\$192,000	\$198,500 (2002)
3684 TOLLAND RD	\$158,000	\$204,000 (2006)
3648 TRAVER RD	\$144,000	\$189,500 (2005)
3105 VAN AKEN BLVD	\$200,000	\$406,800 (2005)
3027 WARRINGTON RD	\$160,000	\$213,500 (2008)
2870 WOODBURY RD	\$275,000	\$262,000 (2007)

### LIST OF HOUSING TRANSFERS WITH A PRIOR SALE WITHIN 15 YEARS:

3346 BRAEMAR RD	\$168,000	\$151,900 (2000)
22870 CANTERBURY LANE	\$660,000	\$585,000 (2000)
19708 CHAGRIN BLVD	\$240,000	\$369,900 (1996)
3255 CHALFANT RD	\$273,200	\$202,000 (1998)
3366 LANSMERE RD	\$165,500	\$216,900 (1998)
18332 NEWELL RD	\$116,250	\$150,000 (1997)
2751 SHERBROOKE RD	\$760,000	\$810,000 (1996)
3260 STOCKHOLM RD	\$305,000	\$247,500 (1999)
3566 SUTHERLAND RD	\$185,000	\$165,500 (1997)
2935 TORRINGTON RD	\$377,500	\$394,000 (2000)
3128 WARRINGTON RD	\$151,900	\$185,000 (1998)
3220 WARRINGTON RD	\$203,000	\$191,500 (1996)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

## Become "Certified Shaker"

Give yourself a leg up on the competition by attaining certification in this unique program, which is offered to landlords at no charge. Among other benefits, properties that meet or exceed City standards of excellence are promoted on the City's website and are shown to prospective renters by relocation specialists.

Newly Certified and re-Certified Shaker property addresses and their owners' names are listed in this publication. The listings represent the best rental properties the City has to offer. For a complete list of Certified properties and to find out about vacancies, call 216-491-1332 or check the City's website, shakeronline.com.

Learn how to qualify by calling the Neighborhood Revitalization Department at 216-491-1370.

## Being a Landlord in Shaker Heights

In order to rent any property, the owner must first apply for a Certificate of Occupancy and obtain an interior and exterior inspection. The Certificate of Occupancy is required annually and an inspection is conducted every three years. The annual fees:

	BY FEB 1	AFTER FEB 1
Single Family House/ Condominium Unit:	\$50	\$100
Two Family House:	\$50	\$100
Two Family with Third Floor:	\$50	\$100

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### Shaker Renovator Program

The Shaker Renovator Program encourages high-quality renovations of properties bought by qualified rehabbers, who then put the property on the market. Contractors who qualify receive incentives as well as free publicity on the City's website and here in Shaker Life.

A recently completed example is at 16713 Lomond, a completely restored four-bedroom, 2½-bath brick colonial.

This home features a gourmet kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite counter tops, and new stainless steel appliances. Enjoy the large living room with new hardwood floors and cozy fireplace. Entertain in the formal dining room or read in the new sunroom. The large basement rec room also has a fireplace.

The electrical, plumbing and heating/air conditioning are all completely new. All three bathrooms are new and feature granite tops and ceramic tile. The windows and doors are also all new.

The home is situated on a deep lot with new cement driveway and garage. Every inch of this home has been professionally restored. The house is move-in-ready and virtually maintenance free for years to come. See pictures of the home at: [shakeronline.com/services/home/ShakerRenovatorProperties.asp](http://shakeronline.com/services/home/ShakerRenovatorProperties.asp). This home may already be sold. Call Scott Frey at 216-571-2068 for more information or to schedule a showing of this or another restored Shaker property.

Contractors can learn more about the Shaker Renovator Program by calling 216-491-1370 or visiting [shakeronline.com/services/home/ShakerRenovatorProgram.asp](http://shakeronline.com/services/home/ShakerRenovatorProgram.asp).







## Ruth Levenson Fund for Children

Ruth Levenson's daughters, Alice Levenson and Linda Seidman, have made generous contributions to the library to begin the Ruth Levenson Fund for Children. Ruth Levenson was born in Cleveland, grew up on the west side, and graduated from West Tech High School. The family lived on Milverton Road before moving to Chadbourne Road where the Levenson daughters attended the Shaker Schools and graduated from Shaker Heights High School.

Ruth Levenson loved her experiences in Shaker Heights where she volunteered with the PTA and was an active community volunteer. She had a keen interest in education and volunteered for the forerunner of Head Start. Her husband, Dr. William B. Levenson, was a pioneer in educational radio and a leader in public education. He started WBOE Cleveland and served as superintendent of the Cleveland Public Schools from 1961 – 1964. After her husband died in 1982, Ruth moved to Loomis Village in South Hadley, Massachusetts to be near her daughters.

According to Alice Levenson, "The reason we chose to start the fund is that when our mother attended Loomis Village activities and was asked where she would choose to live if she could live anywhere in the world, she answered Shaker Heights. We wanted to honor her deep attachment to Shaker Heights and to children so we began the fund as a tribute to her memory."

Books added to the collection will have the Ruth Levenson Fund for Children bookplate added to its inside cover page. The bookplate has a color picture of a needlework pillow Mrs.

Levenson created. According to Library Director Luren Dickinson, "Establishing a memorial fund in the name of a relative who has passed away is a wonderful way to honor them. When Alice Levenson called me about creating a fund for young readers in her mother's name, I thought it was an excellent idea. I also think the bookplate they designed for the material purchased through the fund is personal, beautiful, and quite appropriate for children's books!"

To date, other donors to the fund include: Edith Allen, Priscilla Carter, Kay H. Clark, Mary and William Compton, Susan and Robert Curtis, Vera and Ron Dombcik, Elaine and Roman Frayman, Bobbie Friedlander, Sally Ann Good, Leah Graham, Debra and Peter Guren, Connie and Barry Hershey, May and Robert Hershey, Jeannie McLane Jones, Virginia Klaus, Judith Klein, Julie Lackner, Mary and Joseph Miller, Pat and Hadley Morgenstern-Clarren, Lenore and Nathan Oscar, Rose Rubin, Sally and Lawrence Sears, Louis Seidman, Suzy Margot Slavin, Mina Wirtshafter, and Anne Woodbury.

For information about how to donate to the Ruth Levenson Fund for Children or to establish a fund to honor or memorialize someone, please call library director Luren Dickinson, 216-991-2030 ext 3001.

## Library Board Surveys the Community

Five years ago, Shaker Library began a strategic planning process to guide the library through 2011. That planning process resulted in the development of the Library's vision statement: "Shaker Heights Public Library will be indispensable to every member of our community." While the vision remains the same, it is time to go back to the drawing board to re-imagine, to reflect, and to record how the Library can continue to be "indis-

pensable" in the future.

The Library Board wants to know how its customers view and value its library. On October 1, an online survey will be available on every computer within the library. Residents can complete the survey at home by going to [goo.gl/R9r2f](http://goo.gl/R9r2f) or scan the QR code with your smartphone. The survey results will help the Library Board set direction for the future.



## Pathways for Aspiring Urban Authors

The Library will sponsor an afternoon "How-to" forum for adults who aspire to write urban fiction from 1 to 3 pm Saturday, October 1 at Main Library. Join urban author and publisher Stella Hall, Call and Post reporter and freelance editor Rhonda Crowder, and Akron-based writer and publisher D.M. Cummings for this informative and interactive forum.

Participants will learn how to self-publish their works and how to promote their books in today's online environment. Meet the published authors, hear their stories, and have your questions answered at this afternoon symposium.

Rhonda Crowder has a B.A. in English



Crowder

from Cleveland State University. She has worked as a journalist, proofreader, editor, and novelist. In 2005, she began work as a general assignment reporter at the Call

and Post Newspapers where she interviewed celebrities and wrote more than 1,000 articles. She also developed the literary section, *The Inkwell*, to promote local and national authors and events. In 2011, she founded Rhonda Crowder and

Associates to help others seeking success in the publishing world.

D. M. Cummings is a graduate of the University of Akron. Her first book about domestic violence, *Is Real Love Worth My Life?* was made into a play which she produced and performed in. Seeing the need for the message of choice and freedom, the author serves as a role model and speaks to youth across the nation about making positive choices. She has recently finished her second novel, *Diamond's Pearl*, and is currently at work on her third novel.

Stella D. Hall has a B.A. in Communications. She has been featured in national and local magazines and newspapers. Hall is the Founder/CEO of Blacpanther Publications. She keeps her signature panther "MJ" at her side.

## Computer Classes at Main Library

Sign up for a free class in the Library's new Computer Center. Learn a new skill that can help you land a job, or take a class and discover how to use the Library's new online catalog to your best advantage. Complete class descriptions are available at the Library. Registration begins four weeks before each class, and reservations can be made online or by calling the Computer Center at 216-991-2030 ext 3185.

### INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

#### ONLINE JOB HUNTING

3-4:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

#### HACK OUR CATALOG!

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

#### INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

#### INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

## The BOOKshelf:

### Spine-Tingling Stories for Chilly Autumn Nights

*Creepers* by David Morrell. Perseus Books Group, 2005. On a cold October night, five urban explorers, also known as "creepers," gather in a rundown motel on the Jersey shore and prepare to explore an abandoned hotel. Joined by a reporter, the group is unprepared for the danger awaiting them.

*A Dark Matter* by Peter Straub. Doubleday, 2010. In the turbulent 1960s, four teens fall under the spell of a wandering guru and undergo a life-altering experience that leaves one dead. Years later, the husband of one of the survivors sets out to discover what really happened by asking them to relive the experience.

*The Descent* by Jeff Long. Crown Publishers, 1999. Will evil triumph over good? At the dawn of a new millennium, humankind faces its ultimate challenge when a demonic horde, led by a satanic overlord, prepares to leave its subterranean kingdom for an apocalyptic confrontation with the forces of good.

*The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America* by Erik Larson. Vintage Books, 2004. This is the chillingly true story of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and the two men who played a key role in its history – visionary architect Daniel H. Burnham, who coordinated its construction, and Henry H. Holmes, an insatiable and charming serial killer who lured women to their deaths.

*Duma Key* by Stephen King. Scribner, 2008. Horror and creativity collide in this page-turner. After suffering a crippling accident and the end of his marriage, millionaire Edgar Freemantle rents a house on an eerily undeveloped stretch of the Florida coast where he

obsessively creates works of art that lead him to discover some unsettling events.

*Keepers* by Gary A. Braunbeck. Dorchester Publishing, 2005. After witnessing the death of an old man who warns him that "The Keepers are coming," Gil Stewart becomes immersed in a terrifying world where strange animals and reminders of a forgotten past stalk him at every turn.

*Killer Dreams* by Iris Johnsen. Bantam Books, 2006. When a sleep therapist, who specializes in night terrors, and her 10-year-old son are threatened by a shadowy figure, they are pitted against a nightmarish killer.

*Night Shadow* by Cherry Adair. Ballantine Books, 2008. An anti-terrorist operative with the T-FLAC organization finds his life complicated by his gorgeous and enigmatic new partner as they confront the deadly threat of rogue wizards out to destroy everything they love in this final book in the paranormal romantic trilogy (*Night Fall* and *Night Secrets*).

*Prey* by Michael Crichton. Harper Collins Publishers, 2002. Deep in the remote Nevada desert, eight people are trapped inside of the Xymos Corporation by a self-replicating, rapidly evolving swarm of predatory molecules that they created. Now the molecules have formed a powerful organism that is targeting its creators in this sci-tech thriller.

*The Terror* by Dan Simmons. Little, Brown and Co., 2007. In this novel loosely based on Sir John Franklin's mid-19th-century Arctic expedition, Captain Crozier must find a way for his crew to survive the deadly attacks of a mysterious, insatiable sea monster that is stalking his men trapped in the Arctic.

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### FORMULAS FOR SPREADSHEETS

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

### INTRODUCTION TO PUBLISHER 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

### ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT 2010®

3-4:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

### INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

#### GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

### INTRODUCTION TO ONENOTE 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

### BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

### OPENOFFICE.ORG

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

### CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

### GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT 2010®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

### MACROS IN WORD® AND EXCEL®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

### MAILMERGE

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## From Tibetan Bowls to Traditional Jewish Music: Enjoy the Sounds of Music

The Library has scheduled an entertaining line-up of free musical programs on Sunday afternoons at Main Library, including a soothing performance of singing bowls by Kathleen Calby of Resounding Joy and a zany afternoon of Klezmer music performed by the Yiddishe Cup band of Bert Stratton and Irwin Weinberger. Friends of the Shaker Library generously fund Sunday afternoon musical programs.

Kathleen Calby, founder of Re-

Sounding Joy, will perform from 2 to 3:30 pm on Sunday, October 23, and intro-



Calby

duce her audience to the sacred sounds and harmonies of singing bowls. Explore the healing qualities of sound or simply come for a relaxing Sunday afternoon. Kathleen has been working with sound from Himalayan and gem crystal singing bowls for 12 years.

Experience the refreshing sounds of a mountain stream, explore the frequencies of sound, and learn how your entire body can “hear” the musical vibrations. Kathleen will also explain how the gem crystal bowls are made.

Sunday, November 20 from 2 to 3:30 pm Bert Stratton and Irwin Weinberger of the Yiddishe Cup band present Klezmerology 101, a lively, humor-filled performance. The duo will play traditional Jewish folk music and explain the origins and the development of the



Stratton

tradition. Learn about the different styles of klezmer music, including American, European, and Israeli. Stratton, the “Klezmer Guy” and founder of Yiddishe Cup, will perform

comedic prose sketches and play clarinet, accompanied by singer Irwin Weinberger, who plays guitar and other instruments.



Weinberger

Founded in 1988, The Yiddishe Cup is a Cleveland-based band that has performed throughout the United States, including the Brooklyn (New York) Center for the Performing

Arts, Boca Raton Jewish Community Center, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the City of El Paso, Texas, and the Chautauqua Institution.

## Rx: Medicare and You

Get the facts about Medicare at 10 am Monday, November 14 when a representative from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) visits the Main Library to provide an overview of OSHIIP and Medicare and to answer questions. Many people call OSHIIP to get information for their parents, grandparents, or other family members and friends who are covered by Medicare. If someone close to you is on Medicare, one way you can help is by taking the time to understand Medicare.

Learn what's new, what's covered, and what it costs. Find out about the latest changes in the federal program as it relates to Medicare parts A and B and Part D, the prescription drug coverage.

This information is relevant to anyone who wants to know about the current changes in the Medicare program, and other types of insurance products being offered to Medicare beneficiaries. The program is free; however, reservations are requested.

## Looking for Your Next (Great) Read?

Residents seeking book, movie or music recommendations are encouraged to sign up for NextReads. This service is maintained by librarians and provides monthly or bimonthly annotated lists of some of the Library's best new books and some you might have missed delivered to your inbox.

Genres include Audiobooks, Biography and Memoir, Business and Personal Finance, Historical Fiction, History and Current Events, Home, Garden & DIY, Inspirational Fiction, Fantasy, Fiction A-Z, Mind and Body Fitness, Movies, Music, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, Shaker History/Shaker Authors, Spirituality & Religion, Staff Favorites, Stories by African Americans, Thrillers & Suspense, as well as Kids' Books, Picture Books, and Teen Reads.

There are three easy ways to sign up for NextReads. Go to the Library's homepage at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org) and click on "Sign up for NextReads" under the Tools menu. Or visit the library and complete a registration form at the Information Desk, or call 216-991-2030 ext 6 and a librarian will complete the form for you. Then check your email for suggestions and reserve them online.

## Ready! Set! Mango: Learn a Language at Your Desktop

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To get started, visit the Library's website at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org) and enter the word Mango in the Search the Website box in the upper right hand corner of the website. Set up an account with an email and password. All you need is your library card and the world is yours!

## Home Maintenance & Energy Efficiency: Caring for An Older Home

The Library and the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission continue their series on older home maintenance and energy efficiency at 6:30 pm Tuesday, October 11 at Woods Branch when the Cleveland Restoration Society presents *Caring for an Older Home*.

This program is the second in a series cosponsored by the Library and the Landmark Commission. The session will outline ways to spot problems before they become headaches and will provide helpful information on ways to make your home more energy efficient without breaking the bank.

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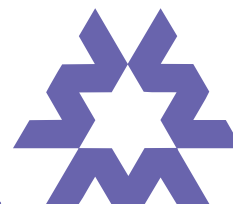
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## PLAY AND LEARN STATION

### AT MAIN LIBRARY

A free preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years.

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 6-8 pm Tuesdays

*No registration is required.*

## PLAY AND LEARN BABIES

A special room filled with literacy-based activities just for babies from birth to 18 months with their parents or caregivers.

10 am-noon

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

*No registration is required.*

## PLAY AND LEARN STATION

### FOR CAREGIVERS

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for non-parent caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to five years.

10 am-noon Wednesdays.

*One-time registration is required. Call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.*

## FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS AT PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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*Play and Learn programs are a partnership with Family Connections.*

## NESTLINGS (Birth to 15 months)

It's never too soon to start sharing books with babies! Enjoy songs and rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies from birth to 15 months with a grown-up.

Fall Session:

September 19-November 8

9:30 am Mondays at Main Library

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

*No registration required.*

## FLEDGLINGS

(15 through 23 months)

Experience the wonder of words with your child through stories and songs, movement, puppets, and fun in this story time for children 15 through 23 months with a grown-up.

Fall Session:

September 19-November 8

10:30 am Mondays at Main Library

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

*No registration required.*

## TERRIFIC TWOS

Stories, songs and movement for 2-year-olds with a grown-up.

Fall session:

September 19-November 9.

10 am Mondays or Wednesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays at Main Library

*No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.*

## PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, rhymes, and fun for 3, 4, & 5-year-olds.

Fall Session:

September 20-November 17

1:30 pm Tuesdays & 10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

*No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.*

## READ TO KING!

(School-age children)

Enjoy reading with a furry friend! King is certified with Therapy Dogs International and loves to listen to stories. Bring a favorite book or choose one of the Library's many dog-friendly titles. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot, and make a bookmark while you wait.

10 am-noon Saturday, October 1 at Main Library

10 am-noon Monday, November 14 at Bertram Woods Branch

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning two weeks before the program.*

## FAMILY HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING

### AT WOODS BRANCH

Join us for songs, fun, Halloween revelry and a tasty treat. Costumes are welcome! 7 pm Monday, October 24

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Monday, October 10.*

## PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up with or without an adult.

7:15 pm Monday, November 21.

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Monday, November 7.*



**BUTTERFLY HANDS AT MAIN LIBRARY**  
(Grades K-4)

Certified signer, Nancy Barnett, will introduce children to basic signing skills.

Fall session: October 3-November 14  
4:15-5 pm Mondays

*Registration began September 19. (No program on October 31.)*

**BUTTERFLY HANDS AT WOODS BRANCH**  
(Birth to 3 years with adult)

Learn basic signs through songs, finger-plays, flannel boards, and interaction with certified signer Nancy Barnett and her signing puppet, Sammy.

Fall Session: October 6-November 10  
10:45-11:15 am Thursdays

*Registration began September 22.*

**WELCOME TO SHAKER LIBRARY**

(Families with children of all ages)

Learn all that your library has to offer for your children. Take a tour of the library, get information about programs and services, and register your child for a library card. The program lasts approximately 25 minutes. Meet in the Children's Room.

7 pm Tuesdays, October 11 & November 8 at Main Library

7 pm Wednesdays, October 12 & November 9 at Woods Branch

*No registration is required.*

**HOLDEN ARBORETUM TREE TALE**

**TELLERS AT WOODS BRANCH**

(School-age children)

Join the Holden Arboretum's Tree Tale Tellers when they present a fun, fall program featuring tree-related stories with age appropriate activities.

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, October 4.

*Registration began Tuesday, September 20.*

**AFTERSCHOOL ARTISTS AT MAIN LIBRARY**  
(Grades 2-5)

Show your true colors as an artist. Create art in the style of Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Seurat, and other great artists.

4:15-5:00 pm First Thursday of the month (October 6-April 5).

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning two weeks before the program.*

**MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL FELICITY AT WOODS BRANCH** (Grades 1-5)

Travel back in time to 1774 to learn what life was like for Felicity. Listen to a chapter from one of her books, watch a video, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.

2:30-4 pm Saturday, October 15

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Saturday, October 1.*

**STRANGER DANGER** (Grades K-5)

Shaker Heights Police Department's Gerald Jankowski explains why it's important to be careful around strangers and offers advice on ways to be safe. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, October 25 at Woods Branch

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Tuesday, October 11.*

4:15-5 pm, Wednesday, October 26 at Main Library

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Wednesday, October 12.*

## Author! Author!

Meet author Jan Thrope when she speaks about her book, *Inner Visions: Grassroots*



**Thrope**

*Stories of Truth and Hope* at 7 pm Wednesday, October 5 at Woods Branch. In her photographic look at inner-city neighborhoods, Thrope takes the reader on a tour through the most

poverty-stricken areas of Cleveland to show not only despair, but also hope as residents pull together to make positive changes. Thrope will speak about her book, her mission, and the publishing process.

Bring the troops to the Woods Branch at 7 pm Wednesday, October 19 when



**Distelhorst**

David Distelhorst, author of *Primitive Paradise: A Century of Boy Scout Camping*, will speak about his history of boy scouting in Cleveland. The 1998 Shaker High graduate and Eagle Scout from

Shaker's Troop 662 says that his decades-old interest in the history of Beaumont Scout Reservation, where he camped as a Boy Scout, was the motivation for writing *Primitive Paradise*. An award-winning photojournalist with a communications degree from Ohio University, Distelhorst worked for newspapers across Ohio before returning home.

Following their presentations, the authors will sell and sign their books.

## New Needlework Group Meets Mornings at Main

Inspired by the popularity of Knit Nights at Woods Branch, the Library will offer a daytime opportunity at Main Library from 10 am to noon Wednesdays, October 26



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## Teen Scene

### TAB MEETING AT MAIN LIBRARY

Meeting of the 2011-2012 Teen Advisory Board for current members.  
11-11:45 am Saturdays, October 22 and November 19

### READING PAYS OFF FOR TEENS!

Teens aged 12-17 can present their own library card at the Youth Services Desk to earn coupons towards paying off current overdue fines on Shaker Library materials. Earn a \$2 Library Buck coupon for every 15 minutes spent reading with the potential of earning \$8 in one hour at one or all of the times and places listed below:  
3:30-4:30 pm Mondays, October 17 and November 14 at Woods Branch  
3:30-4:30 pm Mondays, October 24 and November 21 at Main Library

### NEW! YOUR PLACE IN THE WOODS!

#### AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

(Grades 7-9)

Join your friends in the Community Room at the Bertram Woods Branch after school.

3-4:30 pm Mondays

*No registration is required.*

### GAMING FOR TEENS AGES 15-17

#### AT MAIN LIBRARY

Register to attend this special video gaming session for older teens.

4:15-5 pm Wednesdays, October 5 and October 26

*Register in person, by phone, or online two weeks before the session.*



### TEEN FALL HARVEST PARTY

#### IN THE TEEN CENTER

Teens ages 12-17 can enjoy fun Fall Harvest festivities like pumpkin decorating and tasting some seasonal treats.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, October 19

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning October 5.*

### CELEBRATE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Teens ages 12-17 can explore this happy, colorful, lively Mexican custom of celebrating and honoring the memory of loved ones.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, November 2 in the Main Library Teen Center

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning October 19.*

3:30-4:15 pm Thursday, November 3 at Woods Branch (Grades 6 & up)

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning October 20.*

### PRACTICE ACT TEST FROM

#### PRINCETON REVIEW AT MAIN LIBRARY

(Grades 9-12)

The Princeton Review will administer a free ACT Practice Test, score it, and return in two weeks to teach you score-boosting strategies.

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9:15 am-1:15 pm

Saturday, November 5:

ACT practice test

1:15-2:45 pm

Saturday, November 19:

ACT strategy session

*Registration for the program begins October 22 online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org).*

and November 30

Bring a needlework project – knitting, crochet, needlepoint or cross stitch – and work on it with others. Refreshments and the friendly assistance of an experienced needlewoman will be available.

## Poetry in the Woods Begins

Poetry in the Woods begins another popular season at 7 pm Thursday, October 27 at Woods Branch, with poetry performances by Maj Ragain and Tim Joyce.

Maj Ragain has hosted open poetry readings at the Last Exit Bookstore in Kent, Ohio since 1983. He has published five collections of poetry, most recently *A Hungry Ghost Surrenders His Tackle Box* (2006). He teaches writing workshops at Kent State University and works with combat veterans in a writing circle. He is also the editor of *The Big Book of Daniel: Collected Poems of Daniel Thompson*, published by Bottom Dog Press.

Tim Joyce has had a broad career interweaving journalism and teaching with the fine arts of painting, poetry, and music. He was a police reporter for *The Cleveland Press* and a contributing editor for *Cleveland Magazine*. Following a six-year stint in Hollywood, he earned a master's degree from University College Dublin, and in 1992, he was a visiting lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin. He is a Harvard Fellow where he studied English and American poetry with Helen Vendler.

Joyce has published three volumes of poetry: *Those Lucky Days*, *Flower Thief*, and *Language Animal: New and Collected Poems*. This past summer his band, Bag O' Cats, were featured performers at the prestigious Ossippi Valley Music Festival in Hiram, Maine. His most recent collection of songs, entitled, *Believe Everything*, debuted this year, and his next CD, *Row Hard 'Til Dawn*, is due out next year. He lives on Cape Cod where he is currently at work on a novel.

At 7 pm Thursday, November 15 Katie Daley and Friends return to per-

## Book Discussions at Main Library October & November

Looking for a good book? If the annotations don't entice you, perhaps reading the pull quotes will inspire you to try one of these and then come to the library to discuss it with others. Copies of the books are available at the Main Library Information Desk.

10 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Henrietta Lacks died of cancer in 1951, yet she lives on. Cells from her biopsy were cultured, reproduced, and distributed to labs worldwide, making her the godmother of virology. This fascinating history is her story, full of the racial politics of medicine.

"Since at least the 1800s, black oral history has been filled with tales of 'night doctors' who kidnapped black people for research. And there were disturbing truths behind those stories."

7:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

*A Question of Belief* by Donna Leon

Amid the oppressive heat of a Venetian August and the rampant corruption of the local government, Commissario Guido Brunetti considers whether female criminals are different from male criminals.

"'I don't think there's any doubt that she loved him,' the Inspector said, 'But, I'd also say that she knows something she's not telling us and that she feels guilty about whatever it is.'"

10 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

*My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira

In 19th century America, a brilliant, headstrong midwife who dreams of becoming a surgeon travels to Washington, D.C. where she demonstrates her courage, skill, and passion in treating the ever-increasing numbers of war casualties, and becomes an advocate for improved medical care.

"In the end, every wounded man had made it onto the trains, every one, except those who had died and had been buried in shallow, unmarked trenches. For four full days, Mary had coolly stood at the railcars and made choices, had trod the impossible line. Had tried to reconcile need with mercy."

7:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

*Bad Day for Sorry* by Sophie Littlefield

After 50-year-old sewing machine shop owner Stella Hardesty is acquitted of murdering her abusive husband, she becomes an amateur sleuth meting out her own brand of justice on behalf of battered women in her small Missouri town.

"Sure, she'd read lots of crime novels; they were her favorite. But that was the kind of thing that happened in L.A. or New York – if it really ever happened at all. Would anyone bother to kill a local loser over a few hundred bucks worth of swag?"



form. Daley has performed her poetry in Europe and America in theaters, junkyards, bistros, and has broadcast on radio and television. Since 2001, she has taken her show, *Full Blast Alive: Voices from the Ruby Side*, on the road to various clubs and universities. In 2003, she received an Ohio Arts Council Individual Artists Fellowship. Daley is inspired by the challenge of weaving the political with the personal, and the bizarre with the mundane. She is the author of three chapbooks, *Coyote at the Wheel*, *Red Hot Mangoes* and *Voodoo Juice* and a CD, *Full Blast Alive: Voices from the Ruby Side*.

### Friends Fall Book Sale Offers a Bonanza of Books

Volunteers for Friends of the Shaker Library worked throughout the summer to organize and categorize a huge variety of gently used books to sell from October 13-16 on the second floor of the Main

Library.

Book Sale chairman Dave Greene says "The fall sale offers an excellent selection of books with some specials that book dealers and book collectors will enjoy." The sale opens with a Friends Members' Preview Sale from 4-8 pm Thursday, October 13. Non-members may join at the door. The sale continues from 9 am until 4 pm Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15 and ends with the popular Bag Sale on Sunday, October 16, when all bags of books cost \$5.

Friends welcomes volunteers to help with the book sale. To volunteer, please email Stephanie Jonas at [gajet@aol.com](mailto:gajet@aol.com) or complete a volunteer form at the Circulation Desk.

### End Notes

- **ABLE/GED Classes** are offered from 9 am to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Main Library Teen Center. Interested

students must register by calling 216-371-7138.

- **Knit Nights** are held from 7-8:45 pm Thursdays, October 6 and November 10 at Woods Branch. Bring a project and get or give help at this creative evening moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman.

- **Budgeting and Money Management**, 7 pm Tuesday, October 18 at Main Library. Learn how to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth. Planning to send your children to college, buy a house, or retire on a small income? Robert Houston of WECO Fund, Inc (Wealth, Education, Collaboration, Opportunity) will show you how. Reservations are requested; call 216-991-2030 ext 6.

- **Libraries will close** at 6 pm Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed all day Thursday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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# Way Beyond Mere Creature Comforts

Shaker residents can be a discerning bunch when it comes to what they surround themselves with in their homes. While it's a safe bet that most are content to let a bit of artwork or maybe some custom furnishings provide creature comforts, some go a much greater distance and completely immerse their surroundings in what can only be described as their passion. Or obsession.

These are the collectors.

In this photo essay, we highlight what amounts to a Civil War museum on Fairmount Boulevard, curated by University School math specialist Richard Clark. Then there's a monument to contemporary art on South Park Boulevard, part of which is a dozen or so one-of-a-kind marionettes, most of them made by a small shop in Paris (and that's not Paris, Texas). This collection is staged by Merrill Lynch financial consultant Paul Katz and his wife Lisa Arnson, in close concert with their art stylist, Christopher Leo of Ohio City.

These images by noted Cleveland photographer Janet Century only hint at what's behind the walls of these homes; after all, a passion is, by definition, sublime.





Paul Katz and Lisa Arnson, hanging around with some of their collection of marionettes.



# *the collectors*







**Opposite page:** Not even the sitting area of Paul Katz and Lisa Arnson's bedroom is safe from the curious eyes of their marionettes.

**Above:** Richard Clark (and his wife Jude) live in one of Shaker's oldest homes, built on Fairmount Boulevard in 1842. His huge collection of Civil War memorabilia, including this Spencer rifle, is spread throughout the entire house. The following pages include photos of an authentic camp chair and canteen, and a copy of the Cleveland Morning Leader from April 1865, with an historic announcement on its front page.





*the collectors*

# Cleveland Morning

VOL. XIX. CLEVELAND, FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 28 1865.

**DAILY LEADER.**  
FRIDAY APRIL 28, 1865.

**Booth Killed.**

The heart of the people experienced yesterday a relief from its unnatural tension, on the announcement that the murderer of the President had met his fate. Retributive justice, in his case, has been speedy as well as sure. As well might he expect to escape the day of judgment as to flee from the penalty of his crime. Sooner or later, should God spare his miserable life, vengeance would inevitably overtake him. A nation was on his track; a mighty people waited and watched for justice upon him; and though he should flee to the uttermost parts of the earth, his crime and the vengeance of the people for it was sure to find him out. But the Nemesis which follows crime has in this case come with terrible swiftness. Before the martyred President lay in his grave, his assassin has been hunted down and killed. Thus speedily is crime punished and justice done.

The particulars of the pursuit of the murderer and his desperate though unsuccessful defense, are given this morning, and will be read with the intensest interest by all. They confirm the theory previously adopted by the authorities, that the assassin had been thrown from his horse and had sprained his ankle. His defense was a

**The Latest News BY TELEGRAPH.**

**LAST NIGHT'S REPORT.**

**Stanton's Bulletin!**

**J. W. BOOTH!**

**SHOT.**

**Harrold Captured!**

**They are Taken near Bowling Green, Va.**

**The Murderer's Remains in Washington.**

**Full Details of the Affair!**

**The Funeral Train.**

**The Ceremonies in Buffalo.**

New York cavalry, active participants in the seizure of the criminals, the country owes a debt of gratitude for this timely service.

It seems that a detachment of the 15th New York Cavalry, numbering about twenty-five men, was dispatched from this city on Monday, under the direction of Colonel Baker, in command of Lieutenant Dougherty, accompanied by some of Colonel Baker's officers, who captured and killed Booth and captured Harrold, one of his accomplices, alive.

The cavalry after leaving here landed at Wells Plain in the night, and at once started out in pursuit of Booth and Harrold, having previously ascertained from a colored man that they had crossed the river into Virginia at Swan Point, in a small canoe hired by Booth from a man for three hundred dollars.

Proceeding on towards Bowling Green some three miles from Fort Royal, Lieutenant Dougherty who was in command of the cavalry, discovered that Booth and Harrold were secreted in a large barn, owned by a man named Garrett, and were well armed. The cavalry then surrounded the barn, and summoned Booth and Harrold to surrender.

Harrold was inclined at first to accede to the request, but Booth accused him of cowardice. Then both peremptorily refused to surrender, and made preparations to defend themselves. In order to take the conspirators alive the barn was fired, and the flames getting too hot for Harrold, he approached the door of the barn and signified his willingness to be taken prisoner. The door was then opened, and Booth allowed Harrold to put his arms through the door while he made his escape.

particulars, but none, excepting workmen, officers of the Navy Yard and those holding orders from the Department are allowed to enter.

A Spencer carbine which Booth had with him in the barn at the time he was shot by Sergeant Corbett, and a large knife with blood on it, supposed to be the one with which Booth cut Major Rathbone in the theatre box, on the night of the murder of President Lincoln, and which was found on Booth's body, have been brought to this city. The carbine and knife are in the possession of Colonel Baker at his office. The bills of exchange which were for a considerable amount, found in Booth's possession were drawn on banks in Canada.

**OBITUARY AT BUFFALO.**  
BUFFALO, April 27.—T. A. M.

We are now at Buffalo. Not the slightest accident has happened on our way from Washington, owing to the admirable arrangements and faithful and experienced officers in charge of the train. The train was met at the depot by a large concourse of people, men with uncovered heads. The procession was formed between seven and eight o'clock, and proceeded toward James Hall under a civil and military escort, in company with our party which had followed the remains from Washington.

The coffin was directly in view of very many persons who lined the streets through which the cortège passed. The hearse was heavily covered with black cloth, surmounted with a black arch and roof and tastefully trimmed with white satin and silver lace. An extensive display of the military and naval forces was made in view of the fact

team of \$2,000, on the battery and carrying a committee of civil the Mayor to have the \$10,000. Mr. Ingereol of the chiefs of the dis- city. The arrest of caused considerable en- crowd has collected ar- where he is confined, as friends are endeavoring of habour corpus, but succeed in finding the he was committed.

**FROM PHILA- DELPHIA**

This afternoon Chas. of Edward Ingereol, at pathizer with the rebelli- garden Hall for the put- for his brother. On de- carriage he was set upon and very badly beaten. the Hall and was subse- to his home.

Several prominent soc- to visit the Hall this af- with Mr. Ingereol, but to do so and desisted.

The excitement on the and in the present at- mind, the lives of all y rebels will hardly be safe.

The Bulletin furnishes t denials of the Ingereol produced a considerable city. When the train Green streets, a party of the front door of the



**Above and next page:** Civil War cavalry swords. The handmade 36-star flag, called a "guide-on," was used to direct Union troops. It was found in a Cleveland Heights home; Clark bought it from an antiques dealer and preserved it.

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# *A Community of Readers*

Responding to the needs of residents is at the core of the Shaker Library's mission.

**Ella Hanley** returns a book with help from friend Lee Haas and Library circulation desk employees Stephanie Harris and MeShelle Barclay. PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

*Stories by Diana Simeon*

Walking in this year's Memorial Day Parade, Shaker Heights Public Library Director Luren Dickinson got an up-close look at just how much the city's residents treasure their Library.

"The librarians were out there rolling book carts and the crowd was shouting, 'We love the library!' It was wonderful," says Dickinson.

What's not to love? In survey after survey, Shaker Library ranks among the best library systems in the country. This year, Shaker received a prestigious five-star rating – and placed in the top three libraries of its size – in Library Journal's annual review of more than 7,000 of the nation's libraries.

"We've had that five-star rating for three years running, which is every year the Journal has done it," says Dickinson.

But the Library's overall excellence is just part of the story. Talk to residents and you'll hear about the many ways the Library touches their day-to-day lives. Sure, they're checking out books and music and movies, but just as likely they're toting their children to story time or curling up with a novel at Bertram Woods. Or they're learning to use the Internet at the newly opened Computer Center or chatting about the latest bestseller at a monthly Book Discussion.

"When I talk to people about the Library, they tell me that they bring the whole



PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

family," says Dickinson.

Indeed, the Shaker Library has something for everyone – and that's because throughout its history the Library has put the community at the core of its mission. "We are a community-focused Library," says Margaret Simon, the Library's public relations coordinator. "Our goal is to respond to the needs of our residents."

## *A rich history*

Shaker Library opened its doors in 1922 in a room at Boulevard Elementary School. By 1938, the Library had moved to a storefront on Lee Road and began to raise money to construct its own building. Finally, in 1951, the Library opened a new building in what is now the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. At that time, the Library had approximately 30,000 items in its collection.

In 1960, the Bertram Woods Library Branch opened at the corner of Shaker Boulevard and Warrensville Center Road on a plot of land purchased in part through a bequest from a railroad engineer named Bertram Woods.

The Woods building has expanded over the years to include a fiction room, a children's wing, a basement, and a reading garden. Its smaller size gives it a unique flavor.

By the early 1990s, the Main Library was bursting at the seams. So, when the Shaker Heights Board of Education voted to close nearby Moreland School and sell the building to the City, the Library saw an opportunity. After reaching a deal with the City, the Library renovated Moreland and, in 1993, reopened the Main Library in that building.

Over the past decade, Main Library has also received its share of renovations, including new front doors and a new roof several years ago. And just this past summer, the remaining original classrooms on the second floor were transformed into a new 2,200-square-foot Computer Center and Training Lab, as well as office space for staff.

## *Busy buildings*

Shaker residents borrow an average of 40 items per person a year from the Library for a total of more than 1.25 million items borrowed in 2010.

"I've worked in libraries where per person usage is maybe five, so this library is eight times as busy," notes Dickinson. "We are in the top one percent of libraries of our size and larger for per-capita usage."

There's a lot to borrow. In 2010, the system had more than 240,000 books and 30,000 movies on its shelves. It subscribes to more than 550 magazines, and has thou-





sands of audio books and music recordings on offer.

And thanks to the Library's membership in the CLEVNET Library Consortium, a group of 31 Northeast Ohio libraries that share their collections, patrons can pretty much get whatever they're looking for. The CLEVNET database contains nearly 10 million items, which patrons can request online – or at the Library – and pick up at their local branch.

This includes thousands of foreign-language materials, "which we receive on loan from Cleveland Public Library that are invaluable for Shaker's many international families," says children's librarian Lisa Mertel.

But it's beyond the stacks that the real action happens.

Visit Main Library or Bertram Woods on a typical day and you'll find plenty going on. There are classes and events for Shaker's youngest residents. At Main Library, the Play and Learn Station is open four mornings and one evening a week; the Computer Center is available whenever the Library is open, and the Teen Center is open four afternoons a week. There are quiet study rooms and meeting rooms, and there's even an Art Gallery. Soon patrons will be able to sign up for personal office space for a few hours at a time at the Library's LSTA-funded Community Entrepreneurial Office (CEO)

"The community depends on us, whether it's a non-profit group or otherwise, to be a meeting place. This is another

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Library Director Luren Dickinson reads to Cardier Leshure at Main Library.

trend of public libraries, to be a community meeting space," explains Dickinson.

And there are the many events and classes for adults. A sampling from the past couple of months: Shaker's Verleza Dance – one of Northeast Ohio's premier dance troupes – taught a 60-minute session on dancing to the Great American Songbook. Friends of the Shaker Library's program, "What It's Worth" brought an Antiques Roadshow-like evening to Main Library. And a "Math Review for Adults" offered a free refresher on some basic techniques. There are Book Discussion groups for fans of all genres and Knit Nights for the craft-minded.

And then there's the ever-popular twice-a-year used book sale, organized by Friends of the Shaker Library, a volunteer organization founded in 1980. Bette Bonder is this year's Friends' President. She welcomes residents to join the Friends and to become a part of a group of energetic Library supporters. To date, the group has raised more than half a million dollars for the Library.

### *Staff and services*

With the exception of the book sale, the Library staff develops programs, many of which are funded by the Friends. The staff,

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says Dickinson, is much of the reason the Shaker Library is so exceptional. "When I took the job, what struck me immediately was the competent staff. That's another tribute to the Library."

Take, for example, the giant dragon that presides at Main. The creature was built by maintenance manager John Harchar for the 2005 Memorial Day parade to help promote that year's summer reading program, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." It's just one of many examples of how the Library's staff strives to provide its customers with the best possible experience.

When children's services associate Nicki Petrone was training her dog, King, to be a companion animal, she asked permission to bring him to the Library so he could get accustomed to being around crowds. Petrone quickly saw the value King could bring to the children. "And now she brings King to the Library so the children can read to him. These events are always over-subscribed," says Dickinson.

One of the adult crowd-pleasers is the Local History Collection, a repository of information (books, videos, photographs, etc.) about Shaker Heights, from the history of the Shakers who settled the area in the 1800s to more contemporary subjects, such as the integration of the Shaker Schools.

There's also an archive of yearbooks from Shaker Heights High School, back issues of Shaker Life, an image collection including photos from the Shaker Schools' archives and the defunct Cleveland Press, and a collection of books by notable Shaker Heights natives, including Susan Orlean, Kathryn Schulz, Andy Borowitz, and David Pogue.

Local history librarian Meghan Hays says that making historical information readily available is a priority. "Access is the key. We collect and organize historical material so that Shaker residents and other interested researchers can learn about our history." Among the most popular areas of research is the history of Shaker's houses.

"That is information I find for people all the time," says Hays. "People want to learn about their homes."


Hays and a team of volunteers are in the process of digitizing records from the city's Building Department to make them available online, thanks to a grant from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board.

These records include the construction dates, architects, prices, and materials for almost every house in town. By next year, residents will be able to search the database to discover historical information about the exceptional homes in Shaker.

## What's next

It goes without saying that the Internet has dramatically affected libraries across the country. Over the past decade, the Shaker Library has stepped up to meet the needs of residents, who are increasingly using computers and other digital devices to access information.

For starters, patrons can use their library card to access dozens of online subscription databases made available through CLEVNET, including an archive of thousands of magazines and research tools such as the World Book Encyclopedia. But perhaps more exciting is the rapidly growing e-Media collection of down-



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Going forward, Dickinson anticipates that the Library will be offering more and more online. “Books and other items will be with us for a long time,” says Dickinson. “But digital downloads will be increasingly important. In the future, we will see feature films delivered the same way.”

The Library continues to invest in upgrading the technology within its buildings. “We’ve increased the bandwidth available in the Library by a factor of about ten and probably need to double it again because of the way people use the Internet now,” says Dickinson.

The new Computer Center, which

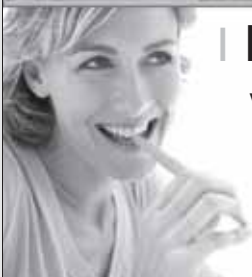
opened on the second floor of Main last August, offers patrons access to 25 computers for anytime use, as well as a Training Lab with an additional 12 computers for instructional purposes (or general use when not being used for classes). All computer classes are free.

The Library has online registration for the Computer Center and its seven meeting rooms (six at Main, one at Woods), which can be reserved and paid for online (a mere \$5 an hour for not-for-profits, \$30 for social functions). Patrons can sign up for both programs and events through the website, and the Library hopes to install self-checkout machines at Main Library in 2012.

At the end of the day, whatever comes next for the Library will be based on the needs of the community. “This fall, we’re going to be writing our strategic plan for the next three to five years,” says Dickinson. “We will be conducting surveys and looking at the census data. But we really want to hear from the community.”



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## Sharing a Good Book

Book clubs abound in Shaker. Readers of all ages participate enthusiastically. And some lives are changed by them.

**From left:** Pam Bryson, Jan Douglass (seated), Pat Parker, Glenda Moss, Jacqueline Gholson, Sharon Drake, Sally Holman, and Adrienne Jones (seated). PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

If you love to read and you love to talk about what you read, then you're in luck. Shaker has an abundance of book clubs, and they are as diverse as the city they call home.

Some go way back, like the Friends of Sheri Book Club, which got its start years ago when most of the members had school-age children. Today, many of those same members are grandparents.

There are clubs of retirees and clubs of married couples. There's a club made up of librarians, several with mothers and daughters or sons, and some for kids only. Former Shaker mayor Judy Rawson has a club, and there are more than a few literary-style supper clubs, whose members dine in the region's best restaurants when discussing their reads.

Shaker Life offers just a sampling of some of the city's book clubs. They help paint a vivid picture of the community of readers that is Shaker Heights, and the enduring value of sharing a good book with friends.

### *Sharing the African-American Experience*

For the dozen or so women gathered in the elegant Boulevard-area home of retired Shaker Schools registrar Glenda Moss, belonging to a book club is about much more than just reading the latest bestsellers.

It's about sharing the experiences of their lives.

For some of the original members of the club, which started in 1970, the discussions have been more than just enlightening. Former Shaker resident Sally Holman, who sent all four of her children to Shaker Schools, was inspired by the club to return to school to earn a degree in teaching. She is now retired from Warrensville Heights schools. "This club expanded us in a very special way and moved us onto greater things," she explains.

Adrienne Jones had a similar experience. "I decided to go to graduate school because I was inspired by the books we were reading." Jones earned a doctorate in American studies and then joined the faculty of Oberlin College, where she taught African-American



Fernway neighborhood boys book group, from left: Brian Johnson, Betsy Potiker, Wyatt Eisen, Franklin Potiker, Marisa Matero-Maury, Ryan Duffett, Terri Johnson, Jacob Maury, Liz Duffett, and Robin Eisen. PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

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studies for many years.

When the club formed, the focus was on novels by African-American women such as Pulitzer Prize winners Toni Morrison and Alice Walker, and club-favorite J. California Cooper.

"I liked the twist of reading only African-American women," says Moss, who joined the club about five years ago. "You learn so much, not only about your culture, but a little about yourself too."

These days, the club reads more widely, including novels about the African-American experience, such as *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, as well as those about other cultures. Recent examples include *The Space Between Us* by Cleveland-area author Thrity Umrigar, and *Left to Tell*, an autobiography by Immaculée Ilibagiza about surviving the Rwandan genocide.

Winners (and many of the nominees) of the annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards, which were established by Cleveland poet Edith Anisfield in 1935, are also popular with the club. *Burnt Shadows*, by Pakistani novelist Kamile Shamsie, was a recent pick from this list.

"I have read books that I probably would never have heard of or thought to read, but because I was in the club, I was pushed to read them. That has made a big difference in my life," says Pat Parker, who lived in Shaker for more than 20 years before moving to Michigan.

The club meets once a month, typically for a couple of hours (and lunch), with a break during the summer. Members take turns hosting. Over the years, members have come and gone, but the club has met more or less continuously, except for a brief hiatus in the early 1980s.

What's clear from the high-spirited conversation of this evening's get-together: These women really enjoy each other's company.

"I think the reason we have been able to sustain this group is the special relationship we have," explains Adrienne Jones. "We don't see each other all the time, but we have this special relationship because of the kinds of discussions we have."

Indeed, for this club, there's just one rule: "What is discussed in book club, stays in book club," notes longtime member Jan Douglass, as the room erupts with laughter.

It's a humorous moment to be sure, but it also reveals the seriousness of some of the club's conversations.

"Sometimes very personal things come up," says Jones. "The books bring out very personal stories. So we have an agreement that what we do and say here, stays here. It's a safe space."

For example, the club recently read *The Help*, the bestselling novel (and now movie) about the experiences of African-American maids working in white households in Mississippi in the 1960s.

"Some of us can relate to that based on our personal experiences of growing up in the South," says Delores Groves, a former teacher and administrator with Shaker Schools.

Another example: *The Warmth of Other Suns* about the migration of African Americans from the South to the North during the last century. "It was outstanding," notes Jacqueline Gholson, a social worker with Shaker Schools. "It gives such an important historical perspective on those times, which many of us can re-

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member."

"It feels good to sit and talk about these books and how they relate to us or to someone we know," adds Pat Parker. "Our conversations sometimes move away from the books, but they are so meaningful."

These days, with most members of the club retired and some no longer living in Shaker – or, at times, even in Ohio – it is the promise of a good chat (and good food) with old friends that keeps the club going.

Jones sums it up best: "We like to eat. We like to talk. We like each other. And then we go on with our own lives."

## Kids' Clubs: *Inheriting a Passion*

Of course parents who love to read want to share that passion with their children. So in a city that's chock-full of avid adult readers, it's no surprise that the younger set is getting in on the book club act.

And the kids are loving it.

"It's really fun," says Sophia Stein, a fourth-grader at Fernway School, who is in a monthly book club with other girls her age. "It makes reading more fun because you are sharing your thoughts with other people."

The club has read the novels *Frindle* and *The Wright Brothers*, among many others. "It helps you understand the books better and you have fun while

you are doing it," Stein says.

"It was cool to talk about books with my friends," agrees Jacob Maury, a seventh grader at Shaker Middle School, a member of a mother-son club.

"It was a spin-off of a mother-daughter group that some of us were in," explains Jacob's mom, Marisa Matero Maury.

Says Terri Johnson, whose son Brian is also in the club: "We wanted to make sure our boys kept reading. They were all enthusiastic readers and we hoped to cultivate that."

The club has read books in most every genre, including autobiography (Roald Dahl's *Boy*), fantasy (*The Lightning Thief* and *Indigo*), and science fiction (*The Phantom Tollbooth*).

"We talk about our favorite part of the book or the most interesting part," explains Wyatt Eisen, who is in the club with mom Robin.

The boys, now all seventh graders at the Middle School, have been friends for many years. But, says Liz Duffett, whose son Ryan is a club member, the club "added a nice layer to their friendship beyond just running around and playing." And for the moms, it has offered another way to talk to their sons.

Lately, the club has been on hiatus, thanks to the inevitable difficulty of coordinating five busy Shaker families, but both the boys and moms hope to resume the club in the coming year. "It's something special to share," says Betsy. "And we still need to talk about *The Hobbit*," jokes Terri. ➤



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# A Blessing for Shaker's Young Parents

Youth programs are key to the Library's success.

For generations, the Shaker Heights Public Library has fostered a love of reading in the city's youth – and this tradition is still going strong, thanks to the wide array of highly popular programs offered by the Library's Youth Services Department.

Last year alone, attendance at Youth Services programs topped 15,000. More than 20 percent of the Library's registered borrowers are 18 and under.

Programs include Story Times; events based on popular book series, such as *Percy Jackson* or *American Girl*; family activities, such as Pajama Stories at Bertram Woods; and, of course, the ever-popular Summer Reading program, for which roughly 2,000 children sign up each year.

The department also oversees ongoing services such as the Teen Center, used by hundreds of the city's teenagers; and the Play and Learn Station, a drop-in program staffed by preschool specialists through

collaboration with Family Connections (formerly the Shaker Family Center).

These days, says Amy Switzer, deputy director of the Library and interim of Youth Services manager, the Shaker Library offers programs for children from



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birth through 18 years. "The goal is to offer as much as we can for a wide variety of ages," she says.

And the community has responded.

## *Learning Literacy*

For the Youth Services staff, engaging children with reading begins well before elementary school. Parents can sign up newborns for Nestlings, the first in a series of classes designed to teach early literacy skills.

Next comes Fledglings for 15 months through two years, then Terrific Twos, and, finally, Preschool Stories for ages three, four, and five.

"Reading is an essential life skill, and parents and caregivers are a child's first and best teachers," says Switzer. "We hope to introduce them to things they can do at home to foster early literacy skills."

Classes are based on guidelines from Every Child Ready to Read, a nationwide early literacy program developed by the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Services to Children.

Library outreach staff visit the city's child care centers and preschools every four to six weeks, holding story times and leaving behind a selection of books. "It's a way to reach more children and to help promote literacy skills in the community," notes Switzer.

For school-age children, Youth Services staff offers monthly events on a variety of subjects.

"The idea is to make reading fun, but we also want children to just want to come to the Library," explains children's services librarian Lisa Mertel.

Longtime favorites, such as the Meet the American Girls events – which explore the worlds of the characters in the hit series – are brought back year after year. There are also weekly Writer's Club programs, monthly Pajama Stories at Bertram Woods, and the beloved Spooky Storytelling at Halloween.

But there is plenty of new programming on the docket too, including a summer-long series of events relating to the annual Summer Reading program, where children can earn prizes for time spent reading.

## *Helping Teens Thrive*

Spend time with a teenager and you'll quickly appreciate that these young adults need a place of their own.

And at the Shaker Library, they get it.

The Library's Teen Center opened its doors on the second floor of the Library in 1999. It's designed as a space for teenagers to hang out and, well, be teenagers.

"We have a full house every day after school," says Audrey Jacobs, who runs the Teen Center. "Libraries across the country are having problems attracting teens to the library, but we don't. We have a wealth of young people."

Teenagers can socialize, use the computers, eat, get homework done, or take part in structured activities, like puzzles, cooking, games, and crafts. "They find the activities very relaxing. They are a real stress reliever," says Jacobs.

But the Teen Center is much more than just a place for teenagers to meet. "We are big on relationship-building. They have a great sense of belonging here, which we consider very important," says Jacobs.

The Library also organizes an annual Teen Volunteer Fair, which connects teens with area not-for-profit organizations. The Library also offers SAT, ACT, and PSAT preparation classes, and many other free events that appeal to the teenage crowd.

And appropriate to the audience, Jacobs and her associate, Adrian Griffin, cultivate a love of reading in subtle ways. For example, there is a rotating selection of novels in the Teen Center and a program where teenagers can pay down their Library fines by reading.

"Even if they come here and they are not looking at books and magazines, we get them to do so. I had a boy who had never read a book. He was 17. I gave him one and he came back for another. This is why I get up in the morning," says Jacobs.

The Teen Center can accommodate up to 25 teenagers (ages 12 to 17) at a time. During the school year, the Teen Center is open from 3:30 to 8 pm Monday through Thursday, and in summer from 1 pm to 6 pm.



*The Library's Teen Center is more than just a place for teenagers to meet. It fosters relationship-building and a sense of belonging.*





# A Staple of Education

Today's school libraries in the Shaker District are marvels of contemporary information technology.

Each library has an extensive collection of fiction and non-fiction books. Students can pore over titles in the District's on-line catalog system, get a personal recommendation from the library staff, or browse the stacks. Pictured: High School Junior Hayley Johnson.

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BY JENNIFER PROE

Math Fair. History Day. Book review. Research report. These are words that strike fear into the hearts of many Shaker students (and their parents). Fortunately, help is just a short stroll down the hallway of every Shaker school – at the library. And while books remain the primary stock in trade, today's school library has a distinctly different look and feel from the library of yesteryear.

The library has been a staple of education in Shaker since Boulevard School opened in 1914. By 1916, the library contained 450 books and had begun using "moving picture machines and devices for projecting still pictures," according to a 1938 history of the Schools. And in 1920, the District employed the first in a long line of distinguished professional librarians.

In the information age, the role of the librarian has taken on a whole new dimension, that of technology guru. In response to the changing times, traditional card catalogs and periodical guides gave way to online databases, and the official title was upgraded to "library media specialist" – though the traditional title of "librarian" is still commonly used.

Says Kathy Fredrick, director of Library and Technology Services for the Shaker Schools, "I don't think you can be a librarian these days without being on the forefront of technology resources. So much of the librarian's job is learning new tools and making sure that kids can get what they need from those tools." That having been said, librarians have never outgrown the role they were born to play: creating



**Shaker** Middle School students take their research skills to the next level with the assistance of librarian Dawn Sullivan.

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lifelong passionate readers.

Shaker students have not just one or two, but eight such talented individuals at their service, whether they are helping emerging readers to find a “just-right book” or teaching the latest presentation software. (Hint: if you’re still using PowerPoint, you’re behind the curve.) And because all Shaker librarians must be certified as teachers as well as librarians, they are perfectly suited to help our students and teachers navigate the challenges of a 21st century curriculum.

The introduction of the International Baccalaureate program in all Shaker schools has strengthened collaboration between teachers and librarians. Says Woodbury librarian Mary Strouse, “The application of library skills is a wonderful fit for the International Baccalaureate program. The library has always been about inquiry-based, cross-disciplinary learning.” Librarians work closely with teachers in every grade to select books and resources that will bring their lesson plans to life.

## A Wealth of Data

When faced with a research challenge, Shaker’s librarians turn first to the wealth of databases available via INFOhio, a state-

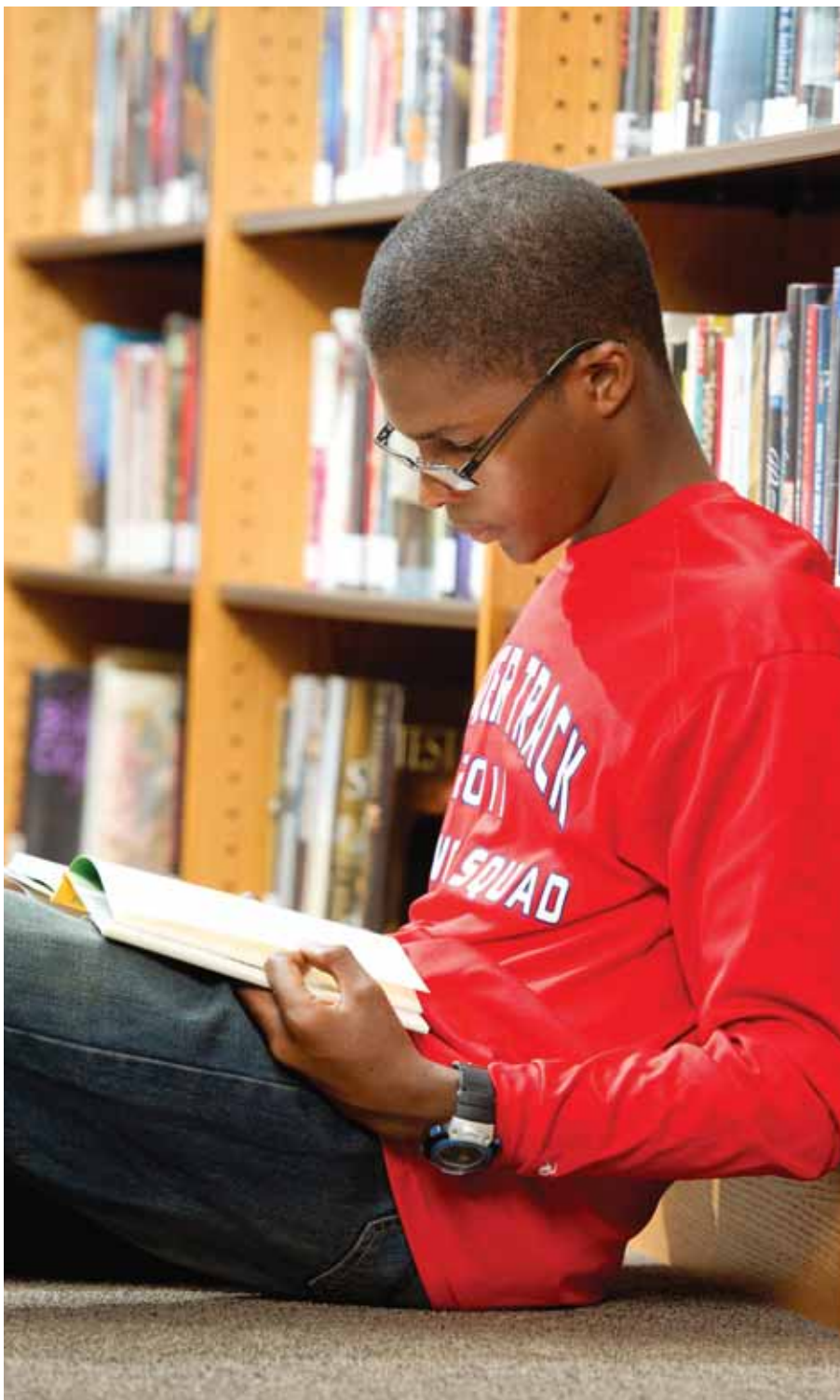
supported school library and information network that can take students far beyond a routine Internet search. Elementary librarian Kristen Roope cites this example from a recent project: “If a student types the word ‘tsunami’ into Google, he is going to receive way too much information. It’s very hard for students to filter the results and decide what’s credible and usable. Conducting the same search using one of the databases in our subscription list, such as Britannica Online, is much more effective and can be tailored to the appropriate grade level.”

Another popular resource is Discovery Streaming Video, a vast library of instructional video snippets on almost any topic imaginable. The videos can be viewed on a computer or projected onto a Smartboard, and can often be segmented so that students no longer have to sit through a full-length video just to get the few minutes that might be relevant to the topic.

“This technology replaces the old reel-to-reel films or filmstrips many of us remember,” says Roope. Unlike those films, which were expensive to purchase and cumbersome to archive, the digital video links can be organized into a computer folder by topic, so they can be shared with others teaching the same material. (As an



The emphasis in school libraries is on research and information literacy, but reading for pleasure is still the main reason kids, whatever their age, go to their school libraries.



**Reading** for pleasure is still the number one reason kids come to the library, at every age. Pictured: High School Junior Brenden Stinson. PHOTO BY KEVIN G REEVES

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added bonus, it is no longer someone's task to advance the filmstrip manually at the sound of the beep.) A parent section of the INFOhio database offers free homework help for most subject areas – an invaluable resource for those who might need a little refresher in long division or irregular French verbs.

The District's extensive database inventory includes Mango, an online language learning site; NewsBank, an easy-to-search database of newspaper articles from across the country; Learning Express Library, which offers practice tests and skill-building exercises on a variety of subjects; and a host of specialized sources for art, science, literature, history and more. All of these databases, and links to many others, are available free to Shaker students and their families at [www.shaker.org/library.aspx](http://www.shaker.org/library.aspx). Students can access them at school or from home with a user name and password provided by their school librarian.

## Information Literacy

Mary Strouse, who works with fifth- and sixth-graders at Woodbury, describes her mission as "helping students to develop information literacy." Says Strouse, "At this age, we teach them how to evaluate the source of information, to become their own critic. Just because a photo in Google images is labeled as an ancient Egyptian artifact doesn't mean that is accurate information." Strouse also introduces the students to an online resource called Noodle Tools, which helps them to create the scaffolding for a research project.

Students needing a little organizational assistance with an essay, presentation, or video can also use the INFOhio Research Project Calculator, located on the main library page at [shaker.org](http://shaker.org). Simply provide a starting date and due date for the project and the Calculator breaks down

### Library Resources for Parents

The Shaker Heights City School District offers great online library resources for parents. Be sure to check out the following parent links, located at [www.shaker.org/library](http://www.shaker.org/library)

- Recommended reading lists by grade level.
- Required High School reading lists.
- How to talk with kids about tough issues.
- Internet safety guidelines for kids and teens.
- Parent's guide to social networking sites.
- Tips on preventing and coping with cyberbullying.
- Online teen chat decoder.

Need more help navigating the resources available? Your child's school librarian is eager to help. Parents can set up a time to meet with the librarian by contacting the school's main office.



the assignment step by step, with targeted deadlines for each phase of the project.

"If they learn these tools now, they can take full advantage of them when they get to the Middle School and High School," says Strouse.

Middle School librarian Dawn Sullivan helps students take their research and presentation skills to the next level, with cutting edge online resources like Glogster and Prezi. Glogster replaces the traditional poster board or tri-fold with an online graphical blog format. Prezi offers students a creative and fluid style of presentation, as compared to the more static slideshow format they may already know.

"The Prezi program can pan and zoom, show 3-D forms, and easily integrate photos and video," says Sullivan. "Keeping one step ahead of the kids is always the challenge. Three days after I introduced these tools to the students, they were teaching me how to do things with them that I had not figured out yet."

At the High School, major research projects are a fact of life for every student. The challenge for Patti Lawrence, High School librarian, is to connect students with the rich network of resources available. "All freshmen get a library orientation, where we show them what is available and encourage them to ask us for help," says Lawrence. "Some teachers even give out extra credit to students who get a slip from us saying they came in for help." When students need more sophisticated scholarly material or primary sources not in the High School's collection, Lawrence helps provide access to the Cleveland Public Library and Ohio Link, a consortium of Ohio libraries that includes several colleges and universities that are willing to lend their materials via a local public library branch. "Ohio libraries are among the finest in the country," says Lawrence. "We really have a gem here."

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Despite the emphasis on research and information literacy, reading for pleasure is still the number one reason kids come to the library, at every age. Each library has an extensive collection of fiction and non-fiction books appropriate to the age level and interests of students.

Some pore over titles in the District's online catalog system or browse the stacks, while others prefer to get a personal recommendation from the library staff. At the K-4 libraries, the staff is particularly adept at helping readers find a "just-right" book – one that is neither too easy nor too hard – to help develop reading skills without frustration. All the librarians enjoy giving book talks about selected titles, giving highlights about the content and the author to help pique students' interest.

Knowing which authors strike a chord with a particular age group is a must. Middle School students were thrilled to receive a visit from the wildly popular Young Adult author Sharon Draper a few years ago. Dawn Sullivan is always on the hunt for ways to connect her readers and authors, even when a visit is not possible. "Last year, I helped some of my students contact an author via his website, so they could have some dialogue that way," she says.

Mary Strouse relishes the "reader's advisory" role, asking questions about a student's interests, other books they have read or television shows they like. "My job is to match the reader to the book he or she will love. It is trial and error, and takes persistence. I start by reading all of the books myself, so I can really discern their differences," she says.

Patti Lawrence takes a similar approach, saying, "I will never recommend a book I have not personally read." She runs a popular breakfast book club at 7:15 am at the High School, as well as sessions in the afternoon or evenings. She notes, "During lunch and after school, this place is packed to the rafters" with students seeking a place to unwind with a good book.

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# great shaker homes

## Marvelous Montgomery Makeover

by rory o'connor

photos by kevin g. reeves

Montgomery Road is known for its tree-lined beauty and its (mostly) traditional architecture. In 2003, Kim Cowan and her husband Gary bought what was probably one of the least-noticed non-traditional homes on the street – built in 1957, with the kitchen inconveniently in the front part of the house – and turned it into a showcase of contemporary design.

It was a huge, multi-year endeavor, with exhaustive planning by Kim, her architectural designer Diane Kasprovicz of HouseWORKStudio, and builder/general contractor David Fritsche, whom Kim and Diane chose after interviewing 11 possible candidates. The work involved scores of craftsmen and workers, exterior excavations, and major interior expansions and reconfigurations – and the house is still a work in progress.

Kim, nee Shuck, is a 1983 graduate of Shaker Heights High School and has a law degree from Case Western Reserve University. Her husband is also a lawyer. Her father is well-known in Shaker's medical community. Jerry Shuck was chairman of the Department of Surgery at University Hospitals and the CWRU Medical School for 21 years, and now is director of the Graduate Medical Education program at the medical school and UH.

Diane: "Kim and I started working together in the fall of 2007. We planned the house over the 2008-09 school year. We put together a preliminary design with the aim of building in the spring of 2008. However, we both felt that we needed more time to achieve the goals we had outlined, and we didn't have a builder on board at the time. So the project took a natural break. I know that the project is much stronger for the time we took to think it through."

Moreover, Kim, Gary, and their sons, Max and Nate, continued to live in the house during construction and renovation. "So the entire project had to be conceived in realistic stages that would allow them to conduct their busy lives during the process," Diane says.

"I was really prepared by the time the work started," Kim says.

They added 600 square feet to the back of the first floor and 400 square feet to the back of the second floor. The new square footage on the first floor contains the new kitchen, a new entry, a mudroom, and a bathroom. The rest of the first floor also was drastically altered.

Kim: "Not having a formal living room was the way to go for us, so we turned it into a dining/ lounge area, and put the family room across













the hall, where the original kitchen was. Everything about the plan is about traffic flow."

She also wanted to reuse as many of the original windows as possible, as well as an original set of French doors. But custom touches are everywhere. For example, builder Dave Fritsche hand-fashioned a solid mahogany front door as well as the fireplace mantle in the lounge; for that, he used a slab of 100-year-old white oak.

The new 400 square feet on the second floor contains a new passageway to an office/guest room, which also connects the original second-floor spaces to a renovated deck above the garage. Additionally, Kim and Diane altered the end wall of the second floor master bedroom.

"The space there was wasted, usable only for minor storage," says Diane. "We picked up roughly 120 square feet of space that gave us a walk-in closet and a really great plan for a future master bathroom."

The house's exterior also underwent a total transformation. The material on the home's exterior is a tough-as-nails space-age cement fiberboard, but there also are touches of dark gray slate and seamed metal roofing on the additions. The foundation and the chimney were redone in stucco. "I wanted the exterior to be simple, monochromatic," Kim says.

Another transformation of sorts occurred during the process. Kim and Diane decided to keep a photographic record of the work, and to that end Diane hired Shaker-based graphic artist Chris Ramsay to do the main photography. Kim picked up a camera herself and shot hundreds of images — "my therapy for coming through the process in one piece," she says. She enjoyed it so much that she decided to become a professional photographer — [ksc.photography@hotmail.com](mailto:ksc.photography@hotmail.com).

The photos she and Chris Ramsay took of the renovation can be viewed at [houseworkstudio.com/CowanHouse](http://houseworkstudio.com/CowanHouse).

**From its** monochromatic, contemporary exterior to its colorful, flowing interior, the Cowan home is a monument to both practicality and elegance. The result is a unique beauty.

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2. Protect air conditioner with a cover and turn off water flow to the compressor.
3. Turn off outdoor faucets and sprinkler systems, drain hoses and disconnect spray handles.
4. Close attic windows.
5. Wrap your hot water heater with a low cost, pre-cut insulation blanket or jacket to achieve energy savings.
6. Have chimney or stovepipe cleaned and inspected.
7. Bleed radiator valves.
8. Have your furnace professionally inspected and cleaned.
9. Install programmable thermostat and create a heating schedule for your home.

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# When I grow up...



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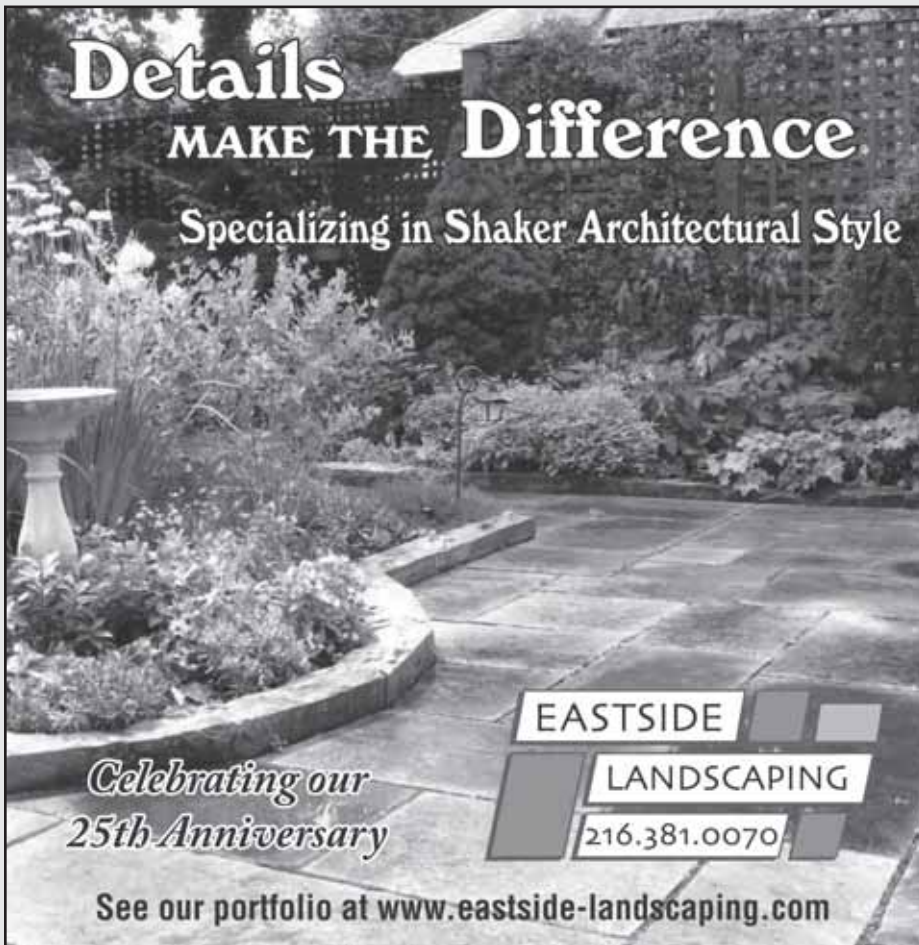
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10. Check or install smoke detectors (new legislation requires photoelectric smoke detectors when replacing ionization smoke detectors).
11. Check or install carbon monoxide detectors.
12. Install storm windows.
13. Caulk around windows and door jams to reduce drafts.

### Resources: Winterization/Energy Savings Websites

<http://dailyhomerentips.com/2009/11/20/quick-home-winterizing-tips>

<http://www.modernecohomes.com/blog/eco-friendly/ten-tips-for-winterizing-your-home>

<http://www.thedailygreen.com/green-homes/latest/winterize-home-tips-energy-461008>

<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/winterize-home-poisoning-family.html>

<http://www.energy.gov/yourhome.htm>

[http://www.fypower.org/res/tools/energy\\_tips.html](http://www.fypower.org/res/tools/energy_tips.html)

<http://www.DEHPwES.com>



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## Ongoing Activities for Families

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions,** THE PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Stay cool in the air-conditioned playroom, where parents and caregivers with children ages birth to age 5 can play, make friends, and network. Playroom is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am–noon or Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 4-6 pm. Use of gym and muscle room during specific hours also included. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station,** 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. Evening hours: 6-8 pm Tuesdays. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

**WEDNESDAYS: Play and Learn Station for Home Day Care Providers,** 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in literacy play sessions just for home day care providers and their children birth to age 5, co-spon-

sored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

**FRIDAYS: Family Fun Fridays for Families Raising Children 3-5 with Special Needs,** 1-3PM, PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for parents with children ages 3-5 with special needs. Special activities held on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**SATURDAYS: Saturday Gym,** 10 AM-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. A place for parents and children, birth-6 years, to climb, jump, ride trikes, and play during the colder months October 8 thru Apr. 14 (no sessions 11/26/11, 12/24/11, 12/31/11, 1/14/12, 2/18/12, 4/8/12). All children must be accompanied by an adult. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**SATURDAYS: Make Room for Daddy, for Families Raising Children 3-5 with Special Needs,** TWO SATURDAYS PER MONTH 10 AM-NOON, THE PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for fathers with

children ages 3-5 with special needs. Grandfathers or siblings under 5 are welcome. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**SATURDAYS: Birthday Parties,** 11 AM-1 PM OR 2 PM-4 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Family Connections at Shaker Family Center is the perfect place to hold a birthday party for your child, birth to 6 years. Enjoy private use of our gym, loaded with riding toys and equipment. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

## Ongoing Activities for Adults

**TUESDAYS: Yoga,** 6:15-7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Class emphasizes stretching, breathing, and meditating. Suggested donation: \$10. INFO: LOIS ANNICH, 216-921-3510.

**TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days,** 2267 LEE ROAD. The Stone Oven donates a percentage of every Tuesday's sales to the Nature Center programs. *Dine and donate!*

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*Calendar listings were correct at press time, but please call ahead to confirm.*

## Destinations...

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY**  
20600 Fayette Road  
216-991-2421

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
16500 Van Aken Boulevard  
216-991-2030

**THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES**  
2600 South Park Boulevard  
216-321-5935

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**FAMILY CONNECTIONS AT  
SHAKER FAMILY CENTER**  
19824 Sussex Road  
216-921-2023

**SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL**  
15911 Aldersyde Drive  
216-295-4200

**SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
& MUSEUM**  
16740 South Park Boulevard  
216-921-1201

**SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
20600 Shaker Boulevard  
216-295-4100

**THORNTON PARK**  
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# October

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Biannual Community Shredding Day 9 am, Public Works. (p. 60) Pathways for Aspiring Urban Authors 1 pm, Main Library. (p. 60)
<b>2</b> Family Fall Funfest Noon, Shaker Family Center. (p. 60)	<b>3</b> Exhibit: 100 Autobiographies of Women Pilots 10/1-31 International Women's Air & Space Museum. (p. 65)	<b>4</b> Yoga Ongoing. 6:15 pm, Plymouth Church (p. 57)	<b>5</b> Meet the Author Jan Thrope 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 60) Fertile Ground: Cleveland Art 1929-1943 7 pm, Maltz Museum. (p. 65)	<b>6</b> Octavofest Opening 6 pm, Loganberry Books. (p. 60) Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 60)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Tour Your Schools Day 9:30 am, Shaker schools. (p. 60) League of Women Voters' Candidates Night 7 pm, Shaker Middle School. (p. 60)	<b>11</b> Full Moon and Four-legged Hike 5:30 pm, Lake View Cemetery. (p. 62)	<b>12</b> Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture 7:30 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (p. 65)	<b>13</b> Book Sale 10/13-16 4 pm, Main Library. (p. 61) Fall Choir Concert 7:30 pm, Shaker High School. (p. 61)	<b>14</b> National Chamber Choir of Ireland 7:30 pm, Cleveland Museum of Art. (p. 65)	<b>15</b> Community Meal Noon, Christ Episcopal Church. (p. 61) SHHS Homecoming Football Game 2 pm, Shaker High School. (p. 61)
<b>16</b> Counterterrorism and US Strategy: Afghanistan and Pakistan 9:30 am, First Unitarian Church. (p. 61)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Budgeting and Money Management 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 61)	<b>19</b> Senior Adult Health Fair & Expo 10 am, Tubbs Jones Community Building. (p. 61)	<b>20</b> Fall Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm, Shaker High School. (p. 61)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Treasures Holiday Boutique 10 am, Heights Christian Church. (p. 61)
<b>23</b> All-School Open House 1:30 pm, Hathaway Brown. (p. 62)	<b>24</b> City Centennial Poster Contest Exhibit Main Library. (p. 62)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center (p. 57)	<b>27</b> Poetry in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 63)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 60)
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Trick or Treat 6-7:30 pm, Shaker streets.					

# November

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Chamber Music Society 8 pm, Plymouth Church. (p. 63)		Youth Ending Hunger/Interact Spaghetti Dinner 6 pm, Shaker High School. (p. 63)	Friday Night Skate 7:45 pm, Thornton Park. (p. 63)  CityMusic Cleveland Benefit 7 pm, Cleveland Skating Club. (p. 63)	North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 60)
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Les Délices Concert 4 pm, Plymouth Church. (p. 63)		William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage 7:30 pm, Ohio Theatre. (p. 66)		Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 64)	Lois Becker's Fall Jewelry Sale 11:30 am, 2951 Drummond. (p. 64)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Medicare and You 10 am, Main Library (p. 64)  Town Hall of Cleveland 6 pm, Ohio Theatre. David Pogue presentation (p. 66)	Poetry in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 64)	PJ Library Story time with Debbie Friedman 10:30 am, Mandel JCC. (p. 66)	Open Bridge for Seniors 1 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building (p. 60)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center (p. 57)	The Magic of it All 6 pm, Shaker Heights Country Club. (p. 64)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center (p. 57)	Stone Oven Days Ongoing. 2267 Lee Road (p. 57)		Thanksgiving at the Zoo 10 am, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. (p. 66)		Holiday Stroll 11/25-26 10 am, Larchmere Blvd. (p. 65)
27	28	29	30			
		Yoga Ongoing. 6:15 pm, Plymouth Church (p. 57)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center (p. 57)			



**THURSDAYS: Open Bridge for Seniors,** 1-4 PM, TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. This afternoon *trumps* all others. Drop in for cards and conversation. \$1/person. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market,** 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. The early bird gets the pick of the produce. Buy fresh and local. INFO: 216-751-7556.

**SATURDAYS: Hike with a Friend,** 3:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Bring a friend or hike with a new one. Share your knowledge and favorite spots around the Shaker Parklands. Free.

## Events for *October*

***October 1:* Biannual Community Shredding Day,** 9 AM-1 PM, PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE CENTER, 15600 CHAGRIN BLVD. Shaker residents with a valid driver's license and proof of residency (utility bill, etc.) may bring up to three large banker boxes of paper. Staples, clips and other binding devices don't need to be removed. Stay and watch or leave your items to be shredded. City receives credit for recycling the shredded paper.

***October 1:* Pathways for Aspiring Urban Authors,** 1-3 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Urban author and publisher Stella Hall, Call and Post reporter and freelance editor Rhonda Crowder, and Akron-based writer and publisher D.M. Cummings speak on urban fiction and give tips on how to get published. INFO: 216-991-2030.

***October 2:* Family Fall Funfest,** NOON-5 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. This exciting family event offers activities for children of all ages with

games, inflatables, pony rides, balloon twisters, rocket car rides, food, and more. Proceeds benefit Family Connections. Pre-sale discount tickets available September 21-30 at Shaker Family Center, 19824 Sussex Rd. in Shaker Heights and Coventry School, 2843 Washington Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR [www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org).

***October 2:* The Debt Ceiling and Fiscal Policy: What's Next?** 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Ned Hill, Dean of the College of Urban Affairs at CSU and Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution speaks about government deficit reduction versus job creation, the government's borrowing level and how recent economic news affects us. INFO: 216-751-2320 OR [firstunitariancleveland.com](http://firstunitariancleveland.com).

***October 2:* Antiquarian Book and Paper Show,** 10 AM-5 PM, CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Sponsored by the Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society (NOBS). Thirty dealers will show and tell about their books, paper ephemera, autographs, prints, and maps. Additionally, the show will offer a free appraisal service. \$5/adults; \$3/students. INFO: [brian@nobswb.org](mailto:brian@nobswb.org).

***October 3-7:* Book and Paper Arts Make It and Take It,** MAIN LIBRARY & BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Celebrate books! In today's world of instant and electronic communication, have we lost touch with the feel of paper and the seduction of a book? Celebrate Octavofest at Shaker libraries by making a small book or other paper project to take home. Instructions and supplies provided for this drop-in program. INFO: 216-991-2030.

***October 3:* Band Boosters,** 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM. Music supporters band together. INFO: 216-577-9040.

***October 5:* Meet the Author: Jan Thrope,** 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Meet Jan Thrope, author of *Inner Visions: Grassroots Stories of Truth and Hope*, when she speaks about her book, her mission, and the publishing process. Books will be available for sale and signing. INFO: 216-991-2421.

***October 6:* SHHS Football Game,** 4:30 PM, RUSSELL H. RUPP FIELD. Shaker varsity versus Maple Heights.

***October 6:* Octavofest Opening,** 6-8 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, ANNEX GALLERY, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Bonné de Blas presents an array of works by members of the local book and paper artist community. Show runs through October 31. INFO: 216-795-9800.

***October 6:* Knit Night,** 7-8:45 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. *Needle* little help on a project? Come to this creative evening hosted by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

***October 8:* Learn About Becoming a Foster Parent,** NOON-2PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. RSVP: LORE, 216-320-8640.

***October 10:* Tour Your Schools Day,** 9:30 AM-3 PM. Come back to school and watch education in action.

***October 10:* League of Women Voters' Candidates Night,** 7-9 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Meet local candidates running for office and hear them speak.

**October 11: Board of Education Meeting, 8 PM, FERNWAY SCHOOL, 17420 FERNWAY ROAD.**

**October 11: Caring for an Older Home, 6:30 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Cleveland Restoration Society members offer helpful tips on containing costs while caring for an older home. Co-sponsored by the Shaker Library and the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**October 12: Brown Bag Bingo, 12:30-1:30 PM, TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING.** Bring a brown bag lunch and play bingo with staff members from Shaker Gardens. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**October 13-16: Book Sale, 4-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Friends of the Library members get first dibs of a huge selection of books in well-organized categories at prices as low as 50 cents. Not a friend? Join at the door. Sale continues from 9 am-4 pm October 14 & 15 and from 1-3 pm October 16. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**October 13: Simon & Simon, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Reed is a jazz violinist who plays with many bands. Bill, age 95, is a pianist who has played with scores of famous people. Father and son offer an acoustic concert of old favorites and stories of the legends. Donations gratefully accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**October 13: Fall Choir Concert, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.** SHHS students lift up their voices in song.

**October 15: SHHS Homecoming Football Game, 2 PM, RUSSELL H. RUPP FIELD.** Shaker versus Euclid. Homecoming Dance follows for SHHS students from 8-11 PM.

**October 15: Community Meal, NOON-1 PM, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD.** Church members serve up free food. INFO: 216-991-3432 OR [WWW.COMETOCRISTCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.COMETOCRISTCHURCH.ORG).

**October 15: Meet American Girl Doll Felicity, 2:30 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Travel back to 1774 and learn what life was like for Felicity. Listen to a chapter from one of her books, watch a video, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**October 15: Call for Artists, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Loganberry Books seeks artist submissions for its first annual holiday bazaar. The shop seeks high quality, locally produced artisan gifts, including: holiday cards, ornaments, and calendars, toys, games, and knick-knacks, crafts, jewelry, fiber arts and prints, photography, Cleveland history and nostalgia, soaps and kitchen items, vintage collectibles and curios. INFO: HARRIETT LOGAN, 216-795-9800.

**October 16: Counterterrorism and U.S. Strategy: Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, 21600 SHAKER BLVD.** Gregory Moore, director of the Center for Intelligence Studies at Notre Dame College, speaks about terrorist activity. Does it come from within or are "outsiders" responsible? INFO: 216-751-2320 OR [firstunitariancleveland.com](http://firstunitariancleveland.com).

**October 18: Sports Boosters, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.** Join a team of parents who support all Shaker sports.

**October 18: Budgeting and Money Management, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Planning to send your chil-

dren to college, buy a house, or retire on a small income? Robert Houston of WECO Fund, Inc. (Wealth, Education, Collaboration, Opportunity) will show you how to save money, reduce debt and build wealth. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**October 19: Senior Adult Health Fair & Expo, 10 AM-2 PM, TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING.** Hospitals, health care agencies and businesses offer health and wellness tips for seniors, co-sponsored by The Woodlands of Shaker Heights. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**October 19: Meet the Author: David Distelhorst, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** David Distelhorst, author of *Primitive Paradise: A Century of Boy Scout Camping*, will speak about his history of boy scouting in Cleveland and sell books. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**October 20: Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.** Enjoy the talents of SHHS musicians.

**October 20: NOBS Book Forum, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Kathryn Norris of *The Cleveland Review* speaks about Rust Belt fiction. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**October 22: Treasures Holiday Boutique, 10 AM-5 PM, HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 17300 VAN AKEN BLVD.** Juried arts and crafts show where quality artisans present their wares. Admission \$2/adults. INFO: 216-561-4800.

**October 22: Movers & Shakers: An Evening to Celebrate Visionaries, 7 PM, CANTERBURY GOLF CLUB, 22000 SOUTH WOODLAND RD.** Don your cocktail chic attire to honor Joanie &



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2600 South Park Boulevard

INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**OCTOBER 1: Hike & Run, 8 AM.** 5K run and nature hikes benefit the Nature Center and the Jenny Goldman Outreach Fund. Registration begins at 8 am; hikes begin at 9 am; race begins at 9:15 am. Register online at <http://www.hmapromotions.net/races/nature-center-run-hike.html>.

**OCTOBER 5-28: Bird Seed Sale.** The Nature Center and Wild Birds Unlimited offer high quality birdseed for your feathered friends. All orders due by October 28.

**OCTOBER 11: Babes in Nature: Lovely Leaves, 10-10:45 AM.** You're never too young to learn about nature! For 2 months to 2 year olds with caregiver. Fee: \$5/stroller for members, \$7/stroller for non-members.

**OCTOBER 11: Full Moon and Four-legged Hike, 5:30-7:30 PM,** Lake View Cemetery. Take a moonlit hike around Lake View Cemetery and search for four-legged nocturnal animals on this non-scary Halloween hike. \$7/person. Register by calling Lake View Cemetery, 216-421-2665.

**OCTOBER 14: Family Campfire Night, 6:30-8:30 PM.** October is a great time for a campfire with marshmallows! Bring your family for a fun evening of hiking, campfire stories and songs for the kid in each of us. \$5/person (\$25 maximum per family of six).

**OCTOBER 17: BIG/little: Fall Leaf Bonanza, 10-11:30 AM.** Red, orange, yellow, brown...all the leaves are falling down. Enjoy the colorful season of fall and rediscover nature with your child. For 2½ to 3½ year

olds with caregiver. \$8/members, \$12/non-members.

**OCTOBER 20: Tales 'n' Trails, 2-3:30 PM.** Visitors 55 and older can rediscover the wonders of the fall season. Join Barb Morgan for a new monthly program designed for the young at heart to highlight the wonders of nature. \$5/person. Registration required.

**NOVEMBER 4: Fall Night Hike, 6:30-8 PM.** Take a family night hike with a naturalist. Whoooooo knows what you'll find! \$5/person.

**NOVEMBER 4 & 5: Bird Seed Sale Pick Up.** Halloween's over, but your feathered friends need treats. Pick up pre-ordered bird seed.

**NOVEMBER 8: Babes in Nature: Barking Trees, 10-10:45 AM.** You're never too young to learn about nature. For 2 months to 2 year olds with caregiver. Fee: \$5/stroller for members, \$7/stroller for non-members.

**NOVEMBER 17: Tales 'n' Trails, 2-3:30 PM.** For visitors 55 and older. Join Barb Morgan for our new monthly program designed for the young at heart to enjoy the wonders of nature. \$5/person. Registration required.

**NOVEMBER 21: BIG/little: Bushy-tailed Adventure, 10-11:30 AM.** Ever wonder how a squirrel lives and how it prepares for winter? Shake your bushy tails and scurry over for an adventure of nutty proportions! For 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 year olds with caregiver. \$8/members, \$12/non-members.

## out & about

Tom Adler, Dolly & Steve Minter, and Judy & Bob Rawson. Rock and roll with the Cruisemasters, offer champagne tributes, and bid on a dazzling array of silent auction items. At this evening benefit for the Shaker Historical Society. TICKETS & INFO: 216-921-1201.

*October 23:* **Water: Infrastructure, Drinking Water, and Sewage Runoff—A Look at What's Below, 9:30-10:45 AM,** FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, manager of the Northeast Ohio Sewer District Watershed Programs, speaks about sewage and the safety of our drinking water. INFO: 216-751-2320 OR [firstunitariancleveland.com](http://firstunitariancleveland.com).

*October 23:* **All-School Open House, 1:30-3 PM,** HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Discover firsthand HB's 1,000 ways to be wildly successful at the all-school Open House, or call 216-320-8767 to schedule a personal tour. This co-ed Early Childhood and all-girls' K-12 independent day school focuses on educational innovation to teach students to learn "not for school, but for life."

*October 23:* **Resounding Joy, 2-3:30 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Hear the soothing sounds of singing bowls played by Kathleen Calby. Explore the healing qualities of sound and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*October 24:* **Halloween Stories, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Stories, songs, fun, Halloween tricks, and a tasty treat. Costumes are welcome! INFO: 216-991-2421.

*October 24:* **City Centennial Poster Contest Exhibit,** MAIN LIBRARY. Shaker Arts Council displays the

entries in its juried poster competition for the city's centennial celebration. The exhibit runs through December 2. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*October 27: Poetry in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.* Well-known Kent, Ohio poet Maj Ragain and Massachusetts poet Tim Joyce perform their poetry. INFO: 216-991-2421.

*October 26: Halloween Ball & Luncheon for Seniors 50+, 12:30-2 PM, TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING.* Halloween fun for everyone! \$7/ senior. INFO: 216-491-1360.

*October 26: Needlework Group, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY.* Bring a needlework project – knitting, crochet, needlepoint or cross stitch – and work on it with others. Refreshments and the assistance of experienced needlewoman available. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*October 28: Cleveland Organ Weekend Gala, 7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD.* The pipes are calling. INFO: 216-921-3510.

*October 29: SHHS Football Game, 2 PM, RUSSELL H. RUPP FIELD.* It's Senior Day when Shaker High celebrates the contributions of its seniors and tackles John Marshall.

*October 29: Family Concert: Introduction to the Organ, 10 AM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD.* INFO: 216-921-3510.

*October 29: Serving Shaker Taking Action: Leaf Raking Event, 9 AM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD.* INFO: 216-921-3510.

*October 30: Women, Politics, and Elected Office: Growing or Faltering?, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST*

*UNITARIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, 21600 SHAKER BLVD.* Half of all U.S. workers are women, yet few hold elected office. Tara Broderick, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of NEO and Cynthia Dempsey, Chair of the Cuyahoga County Women's Democratic Caucus, speak about how women are expressing their voices on equal pay, job promotion, health care, and family priorities. INFO: 216-751-2320 OR [firstunitariancleveland.com](http://firstunitariancleveland.com).

*October 31: Trick or Treat, 6-7:30 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS.* Boys and ghouls seek treats on Shaker streets.

## Events for *November*

*November 1: Chamber Music Society, 8 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD.* Viennese Pianist Till Fellner performs. INFO: 216-921-3510.

*November 3: Youth Ending Hunger/Interact Spaghetti Dinner, 6 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.* Shaker High School students use their noodles to help the hungry.

*November 3: Women's Fall Sports Awards, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.* An athlete fete for athletic feats.

*November 4: Friday Night Skate, 7:45-9 PM, THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA.* Take a spin on the ice while a DJ spins tunes. INFO: 216-491-1295.

*November 4: CityMusic Cleveland Benefit, 7 PM, CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD.* Cocktails, dinner, silent auction, and performance by violin star Dylana Jenson, and a brief performance by CityMusicKids. CityMusic brings free

classical music concerts to seven different neighborhoods in Northeast Ohio. Tickets: \$125/person-\$250/person. INFO: 216-321-8273 OR [info@citymusiccleveland.org](mailto:info@citymusiccleveland.org).

*November 5: ACT Practice Test & Strategy Session, 9:15 AM-1:15 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.* The Princeton Review will administer a free ACT Practice Test, score it, and return it November 19 from 1:15-2:45 pm to teach score-boosting strategies. Free for students in grades 9-12. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*November 6: Money and Elections: The Cost of a Vote, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, 21600 SHAKER BLVD.* Thom Yantek, associate professor of Political Science at Kent State University, speaks about whether we can set limits on election spending and the judicial, political, and legislative barriers involved. INFO: 216-751-2320 OR [firstunitariancleveland.com](http://firstunitariancleveland.com).

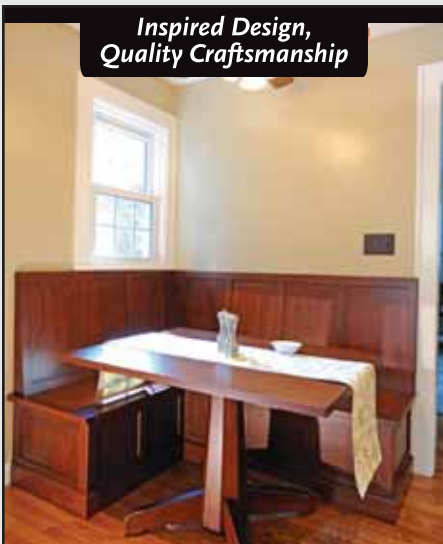
*November 6: Centennial Poster Design Competition Reception, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.* Meet the artists and view their graphic entries in the Shaker Arts Council's Poster Design Competition in celebration of the city's centennial. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*November 6: Les Délices Concert, 4 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD.* INFO: 216-921-3510.

*November 7: Band Boosters, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM.* Music supporters band together INFO: 216-577-9040.

*November 8: Professional Day.* Shaker Schools closed.

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## ☀ out & about

**November 9:** Board of Education Meeting, 8 PM, WOODBURY SCHOOL, 15400 S. WOODLAND.

**November 10-December 31:** Otis' Old Curiosity Shop, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. A holiday bazaar in the Annex Gallery. Named for its resident cat, Otis, the shop will offer a mix of gift-giving favorites, including new toys, games, knick-knacks, books, cards, calendars, local artist crafts, prints and vintage collectibles & curios. Modeled on the Twigbee Shop at the former Higbee's Department Store in downtown Cleveland. Experience the joy of an old holiday tradition. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**November 10:** Knit Night, 7-8:45 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring your project and get or give help at to this creative evening moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**November 10:** Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Give thanks for good books and jazz in a cozy setting. Free, but contributions are welcome. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**November 11:** Conference Day. No classes K-12.

**November 11, 12 & 13:** Lois Becker's Fall Jewelry Sale, 11:30 AM-5 PM, 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Hundreds of one-of-a-kind handmade pins, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and decorative vests at \$25 to \$225. Switch any earring from pierced to clip while you wait. No credit cards accepted. INFO: 216-921-3083.

**November 12:** Learn About Becoming a Foster Parent, NOON-2 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT

BLVD. RSVP: LORE, 216-320-8640.

**November 14:** Conference Day. No school for Shaker grades K-8.

**November 14:** Medicare and You, 10 AM, MAIN LIBRARY. A representative from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) will talk about Medicare and take questions. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**November 14:** Men's Fall Athletic Awards, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.

**November 15:** Poetry in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Katie Daley and Friends return to perform poetry. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**November 17:** NOBS Book Forum, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Jenny Jones speaks about Cleveland landmarks. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**November 19:** Community Meal, NOON-1 PM, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. INFO: 216-991-3432 OR WWW.COMEtochristchurch.org.

**November 19:** The Magic of it All, 6 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB, 3300 COURTLAND BLVD. Cocktails, dinner, music, and silent and live auctions to support the 100 orphaned boys of Flor Azul supported by Hope For Honduran Children Foundation. Tickets: \$150/person. INFO: 216-932-2123.

**November 20:** Conventional Marriage: An Institution in Decline, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Medora Barnes, Sociology professor at John Carroll University, speaks



about new views on marriage and what it means for family stability, culture, and psychological health. INFO: 216-751-2320 OR firstunitarian cleveland.com.

**November 20: Klezmerology 101, 2-3:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Klezmer Guy Bert Stratton and Irwin Weinberger of the Yiddishe Cup band present a lively afternoon of traditional Jewish music with a dash of humor. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**November 21: Pajama Stories, 7:15 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Bring the kids for stories before bedtime. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**November 23-25: Thanksgiving Recess.** Shaker Schools closed.

**November 24: Thanksgiving Day.** City offices, libraries, and schools closed.

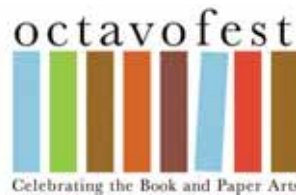
**November 25-26: Holiday Stroll, 10 AM-5 PM, LARCHMERE BLVD.** Find a unique gift from one of the many quaint shops along the boulevard.

**November 30: Needlework Group, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY.** Get ready for the holidays! Bring a needlework project – knitting, crochet, needlepoint or cross stitch – and work on it with others. Refreshments and assistance from an experienced needlewoman available. INFO: 216-991-2030.

## In the Circle and Beyond

**OCTOBER 1: 4th Annual Open House and Auction, 6-9:30 PM, MORGAN ART OF PAPERMAKING, CONSERVATORY & EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, 1754 E.**

**47TH ST.** Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, live music, demonstrations, raffles, and silent auction. **Snail Mail Paper Trail 2011:** Artworks created by artists invited to work on handmade Morgan paper. **Silent Auction II:** A collection of artworks and many surprise items. INFO: 216-361-9255.



**OCTOBER 1-31: Exhibit: 100 Autobiographies of Women Pilots,** INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AIR & SPACE MUSEUM, BURKE LAKEFRONT AIRPORT, 1501 N. MARGINAL RD. 100 autobiographies of Women Pilots on display. INFO: 216-623-1111.

**THRU OCTOBER 28: Seeing Green Recycled,** 1834 E 123RD STREET. Artists Archives of the Western Reserve (AAWR), with support from the George Gund Fund, showcases juried art by Cleveland artists using eco-friendly products and recycled materials on the theme of environmental sustainability. Featured artists are: Anna Arnold, Margaret Arthur, Joseph Borsuk, Suzie Frazier, Barbara Gillette, Tom Hubbard, Alice Kiderman, Suzan Kraus, Mario Kujawski, Janet Mikolajczyk, Susan Parente, John Ranally and Mary Stone. Gallery Hours: 10 am-4pm Wednesday-Friday and noon-4 pm Saturdays. INFO: 216-721-9020.

**OCTOBER 2 & 9: Covered Bridge Trolley Tour & Cavatelli Dinner, 1-4 PM, HARPERSFIELD, FERRANTE WINERY AND RISTORANTE, 5585 STATE ROUTE 307.** Begin your afternoon with an educational tour of Ashtabula County's historic covered bridges and enjoy a

cavatelli dinner at the winery. Pre-paid reservations only. INFO: 440-466-8466.

**OCTOBER 5: Fertile Ground: Cleveland Art 1929-1943, 7 PM, MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE, 2929 RICHMOND RD.** Artist and historian Alfred L. Bright; gallery owner, William Busta, and art historian Sabine Kretzschmar discuss how the supportive atmosphere of the Karamu House's artist workshop coupled with WPA art projects involving black, white, and female artists, provided fertile ground for a burgeoning art scene. Moderated by Dee Perry, host of WCPN/90.3's *Around Noon* and WVIZ/PBS' *Applause*. Tickets: \$12/\$10 museum members. Info: 216-593-0575.

**OCTOBER 12: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL.** Professor John O'Shea from the University of Michigan presents "The Search of Caribou Hunters Beneath Lake Huron: The Archaeology of an Ancient Submerged Landscape." Speaker's reception follows the free lecture. INFO: 216-231-4600.

**OCTOBER 14: National Chamber Choir of Ireland, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART GARTNER AUDITORIUM, 11150 EAST BLVD.** Viva! & Gala series presents music by Ireland's most distinguished choral ensemble. Tickets: \$41 & \$37. INFO: 216-421-7350.

**OCTOBER 15: MidTown Cleveland HealthLine Classic, 8:30 AM, MIDTOWN AT PROSPECT AVE. & PROSPECT RD.** 10K & 5K race along the newly completed HealthLine and historic Prospect Ave. \$20/person. Registration begins at 7 AM. INFO: 216-623-9933.

**OCTOBER 16: Wearable Art Fashion**

**Show & Boutique, 10:30 AM,** LANDERHAVEN, 6111 LANDERHAVEN DR. Textile Art Alliance's 8th annual benefit for the Cleveland Museum of Art's Textile Acquisition Fund, with a boutique preview, fashion show, lunch, and runway sales. Tickets: \$45 (\$10 tax deductible). Reservations are limited. Respond by Monday, October 10. Payment must accompany all reservations and all tickets will be held at the door. INFO: MUSEUM BOX OFFICE, 216-421-7350 OR 888-CMA-0033.

**OCTOBER 20-23 & 27-30: Boo at the Zoo, 6-9 PM,** CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. Eight Nights of SPOOKtacular Fun. Designed for a younger audience, children enjoy scare-free fun and a complimentary treat bag. Wear fun (not scary) costumes. FEES & INFO: 216-661-6500.

**OCTOBER 24: William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage, 7:30 PM,** OHIO THEATRE AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE, 1511 EUCLID AVE. Michael Pollan, author of *Food Rules, In Defense of Food, The Omnivore's Dilemma, The Botany of Desire, A Place of My Own* and *Second Nature*, speaks. Tickets: \$30/person to benefit the Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation. INFO: 216-749-9338.

**OCTOBER 30: Halloween Spooktacular, 2 PM,** SEVERANCE HALL. CIM Orchestra performs several popular, contemporary orchestral works and Carl Topilow conducts music that includes the themes from *Superman, Harry Potter*, and *The Empire Strikes Back*. Tickets: \$22 & \$15. INFO: 216-231-1111.

**NOVEMBER 4: Bassekou Kouyate and Ngoni Ba, 7:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART GARTNER AUDITORIUM, 11150 EAST BLVD. Viva! & Gala series presents music from one of Africa's

most innovative ensembles. Tickets: \$34 & \$29. INFO: 216-421-7350.

**NOVEMBER 5: Roses in November, 9:30 AM-3 PM,** EXECUTIVE CATERERS AT LANDERHAVEN, 6111 LANDERHAVEN DR. Luncheon, boutique and fashion show to benefit the Sisters of the Carmelite Monastery. Tickets: \$50/person. INFO: 216-932-9428.

**NOVEMBER 6: Jewish Big Brother Big Sister Association Bowl for Kids Sake, 9 AM-2:45 PM,** SOLON FREEWAY LANES, 33185 BAINBRIDGE RD. INFO: 216-320-8385 OR WWW.jbbbsa.org.

**NOVEMBER 8: William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage, 7:30 PM,** OHIO THEATRE AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE, 1511 EUCLID AVE. Billy Collins, 2001-2003 U.S. Poet Laureate and author of nine collections of poetry, speaks. His newest book, a collection of poems entitled *Horoscopes for the Dead*, was published in spring 2011. Tickets: \$30/person to benefit the Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation. INFO: 216-749-9338.

**NOVEMBER 9: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Professor Matthew Adams from Bucknell University presents "Ancient Mendes: Reflections of Early Egypt in the Heart of the Delta." Speaker's reception follows the free lecture. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR WWW.case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmmain.html.

**NOVEMBER 9: Jonathan Spyer, author of The Transforming Fire: The Rise of the Israel Islamist Conflict, 7:30 PM,** SIEGAL COLLEGE OF JUDAIC STUDIES, 26500 SHAKER BLVD. INFO: 800-838-3006 OR WWW.mandeljcc.org.

**NOVEMBER 14: Town Hall of Cleveland, 6 PM,** OHIO THEATRE AT

PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. SHHS grad and New York Times technology columnist David Pogue presents "The Digital Generation Comes of Age." Tickets: \$45. INFO: 216-241-1919.

**NOVEMBER 15: 57th Annual Humanitarian Award Dinner, 6-9 PM,** RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL. This year's honorees are Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson and University Hospitals CEO Thomas F. Zenty III. TICKETS & INFO: SHARON L. SCHMELZER, 216-752-3000 OR sschmelzer@diversitycenterneo.org.

**NOVEMBER 16: Harmonic Hues: CIM @ MOCA, 6:30 PM,** 8501 CARNEGIE AVE. Music and modern art meld when CIM plays against the artistic backdrop of the museum. INFO: 216-421-8671 EXT. 70.

**NOVEMBER 16: PJ Library Story time with Debbie Friedman, 10:30-11 AM,** MANDEL JCC, 26001 SOUTH WOODLAND RD. Children from birth to age 4 are welcome for stories during Jewish Book Week. INFO: 800-838-3006 OR www.mandeljcc.org.

**NOVEMBER 20: Character Breakfast with Corduroy, 9:30-11:30 AM,** MANDEL JCC, 26001 SOUTH WOODLAND RD. Celebrate Jewish Book Week with a light breakfast with Corduroy, Flower the Clown, arts and crafts, and more. Kids are free; \$5/JCC adult members; \$8/nonmembers. INFO: 800-838-3006 OR WWW.mandeljcc.org.

**NOVEMBER 24: Thanksgiving at the Zoo, 10 AM-5 PM,** CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. Relatives getting restless? Put the turkey in the oven and bring them to the zoo. Free admission plus special animal feeding and enrichment demos throughout the day.



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## Battle Hymn of the Shaker Mom

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

O.K., Amy Chua's 15 minutes of fame are long over. By now, the Yale law professor and Worst Stage Mother Ever is no doubt putting the financial fruits of her so-called memoir, *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, to good use toward her prodigy daughters' elite teachers, world travel, and Ivy League college funds, and the media are casting about for the latest freakish mother to demonize ("Casey who?"). Oh, the *schadenfreude*—parents doing so much worse a job than we are!

I finally got around to reading Chua's book recently. It's really a failed self-parody, which nevertheless hit a nerve among insecure Western parents afraid their children will never grow up and leave the nest, and insecure Americans afraid that China is superseding our country.

As a musician, teacher, writer, and unabashedly Western-style parent, it would be easy for me to take pot-shots at Chua on many fronts. But I have to admit that I struggle against the same desire to control events and people that Chua embraces so enthusiastically. I think of this as my least desirable or productive trait. So for all you Shaker Moms (and Dads) out there wondering how you stack up on the Tiger-Meter, here's a handy guide:

**Pets.** Tiger Mother has two Samoyeds. Shaker Mother has at least one Black Lab. We have a cat.

**Music.** Tiger Mother insists that offspring play violin or piano well enough for Carnegie Hall. Shaker Mother's children play a variety of instruments, and also X-Box, Nintendo Wii, and possum. At our house, guitars and keyboard instruments share space with an accordion, ukulele, banjo, trombone and various world percussion instruments. Some of us can actually play some of them.

**Sports.** When T.M.'s daughter switches from violin to tennis, Chua immediately hires coaches and begins pushing for her to place at the state level. S.M. cheerfully shleps her children to every game and practice, of every team sport imaginable. I find this schedule interferes with things I like better, such as eating dinner. My younger son recently asked which sport has a touchdown. He's nine.

**Activities.** T.M. disdains gym, drama, and anything that smacks of "arts and crafts." S.M. encourages extracurricular activities, because she believes that top colleges want well-rounded students. Though they are both good at math, my boys want careers in — gasp — *entertainment*, and put far more energy into making home movies than doing their homework.

**Summer.** T.M.'s daughters summer all over the world. S.M.'s brood chooses between pricey specialty day camps and pricey overnight camps. Mine prefer an unstructured (i.e. cheap) summer of biking, reading, and arguing

with each other. Don't spread this around, but they also watch TV and play video games.

**Academics.** Tiger Mother insists that drill and rote memorization will lead to academic success, which she defines as being #1 in every subject. Some Shaker Moms believe the key to academic success is in appealing bad grades or hiring SAT coaches.

But Tiger Mother is raising girls. Although her younger daughter rebels against playing the violin, academically, she is as compliant and successful as her elder sister. Parenting two boys has opened my eyes to the fact that even highly capable male students will not perform if they don't want to. And you are better off in the long run letting them suffer the consequences of their bad choices.

**Moral and spiritual development.** Chua's book implies that a true Tiger Mother finds this category a waste of time. Other than one's parents, whom one must revere, other human beings are competitors to be bested, or weaklings to be disdained. I believe most Shaker Moms truly part company with T.M. in this regard. Value for community is one of the top reasons people list for choosing to live here, and the high level of volunteerism attests to this commitment.

So don't despair if you score low on the Tiger-meter. Chances are, you're in very good company.



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