Presented by: The Local Ukulele group, Grand Royale Ukulelists of the Black Swamp

Description: Looking for a friendly and helpful group to play ukulele with? Bring your own ukulele on the third Sunday of the month, and join a relaxed group who enjoys playing together and learning new songs. All levels of skill and experience are welcome. All you need is a ukulele and a sense of adventure. Song books and sheets provided at the jam.

Participation: 15-20 people, 1x per month

Supplies: Photocopies of songs, computer with projector to show chords, music stands (if possible)

Cost: Photocopies of music

Submitted by: Michele Raine, Wood County District Public Library, micheleraine@wcdpl.org, 419-352-5050
COMMUNITY PHOTO CONTEST—

_LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY_

**Presented by:** Library staff

**Description:** We held a community photo contest. There were four categories and three ages groups. Pictures were submitted via email. Entries were displayed for voting online and in the building. We held a reception and award ceremony at the end.

**Participation:** Estimated 25, received 137; during Winter

**Supplies:** A place to display pictures. Food and ribbons for the reception and award ceremony

**Cost:** $300-Mostly spent on printing pictures *Note, the friends offered to purchase prizes for the following year.

**Target audience:** Adults, although we included a teen and kids category

**Submitted by:** Tara Hutson, London Public Library, tmhutson@mylondonlibrary.org, 740-852-9543
ELM GROVE CEMETERY TOUR—
ST. MARYS COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Presented by: Local Lawyer/Historian/President of Cemetery Board

Description: Group met at Cemetery and staff did a little introduction and then speaker took over and talked about the history of the cemetery and some of the features and then focused on the prominent citizens buried in the cemetery. Focus was on Building a Better World the Summer Reading Theme for 2017.

Participation: 50 adults (and 2 Young Adults); during Summer

Supplies: Cooler of water (optional) Folding Chair for one older person who did not continue on the walking part of the tour (optional)

Cost: $75 for speaker

Submitted by: Beth Keuneke, St. Marys Community Public Library, bkeuneke@seolibraries.org, 419-394-7471
Presented by: Library staff and members of the public

Description: Each February we have the community bake items that contain chocolate. Patrons visit to sample items and then vote on Chocolate Champ. We have a jar set up for donations for our Friends of the Library.

Participation: 50-60; during Winter

Supplies: Tables and table cloths, numbers for each entry

Cost: $0

Submitted by: Karen Wilhelm, Erie Islands Library, kwilhelm@seolibraries.org, 419-285-4004

(Image from holls.com)
Presented by: Local Bee Keepers

Description: Beginning Beekeeping Essentials covers valuable information an individual needs to know to become a beekeeper. A complete beehive will be brought in to utilize as a demonstration tool and to allow the prospective beekeeper to visualize the equipment involved. Explore methods for inserting the bees in their new home and how to introduce their queen. The use of beekeeping tools for hive inspections will be demonstrated. You will learn about honeybee behavior, the role of the queen and proper brood patterns. Discover where propolis, flower pollen and royal jelly come from and the medicinal benefits we can reap from the honeybee bi-products. Enjoy the opportunity of sampling some of our products and taking home your favorite honey for the whole family to enjoy.

Participation: 40 people; during Spring

Supplies: Meeting room space with AV for their PowerPoint

Cost: $50

Submitted by: Daphne Silchuk-Ashcraft, Orrville Public Library, dsashcraft@orrville.lib.oh.us, 330-683-1065

(Image from: www.pestworldforkids.org)
HOMEMADE SPA PRODUCTS—
DAYTON METRO LIBRARY

Presented by: Library Staff

Description: Using household ingredients you can make body scrub and bath salts. The patrons loved making something themselves and using "natural ingredients".

Participation: 8 people, during Fall

Supplies: Mason jars, ribbon, essential oils, salt, brown sugar, and other baking ingredients

Cost: $150

Submitted by: Luellen Wilson, Dayton Metro Library, lwilson@daytonmetrolibrary.org, 937-496-8850

WOMEN’S SELF DEFENSE —
DAYTON METRO LIBRARY

Presented by: Local Police Department

Description: Local Police Officer presented a 2 hour program about how women can defend themselves. The local police offer this class for any interested groups.

Participation: 25 people; during Fall

Supplies: None

Cost: $0

Submitted by: Luellen Wilson, Dayton Metro Library, lwilson@daytonmetrolibrary.org, 937-496-8850
CROCHET WITH PLASTIC—
DAYTON METRO LIBRARY

Presented by: Library Staff

Description: We read "One Plastic Bag" to participants as they worked on crocheting plarn (plastic bag yarn) into a small hand bag. Making the plarn takes a long time. Our aides did a lot of it, and we did some of it while on desk. These take between 1 and 2 hours per ball, but we chose to prep an entire ball of plarn for each participant ahead of time, since we wanted patrons to have as much crochet time as possible. http://www.plasticbagcrafts.com/make-plarn/ Crocheting the example took about 2 hours. http://www.sustainablebabysteps.com/plarn.html

Participation: 7-8 people; during Spring


Cost: $15-30 for crochet hooks (if needed)

Submitted by: Amanda Kersteins, Dayton Metro Library - Brookville Branch, akerstiens@daytonmetrolibrary.org, 937-463-2665

Tip: In 2014, a knitting group at the Steinbeck Library in Salinas, California, started making ‘plarn’ mats for the homeless.

(Image: Jay Dunn, The (Salinas) Californian)
Presented by: Library Staff

Description: The league started in 2014. Each season usually goes 13-16 weeks. Last season there were 20 teams with two people per team. The league runs with a handicap and they track the stats for the players. Games usually last an hour and everyone has a specific time to play. Teams play 2 games once a week. The library provided one Wii and they borrow a second Wii from a library patron who is really committed to the program. The costs include the Wii and refreshments for the last game of the season. A local business also donated gift cards to for the winners this year.

Participation: 40 people; Multi-seasonal

Supplies: A meeting room with at least two screens, two Wii gaming systems, two copies of Wii Bowling

Cost: Refreshments for final game of the season, Cost of the Wii and game if not already owned.

Submitted by: Michele Raine, Wood County District Public Library, micheleraine@wcdpl.org, 419-352-5050
ART IN ACTION—
MEDINA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

Presented by: Library Staff and members of the Arts community

Description: Art in Action is a day where we invite local artists of many different mediums to set up throughout our library for a family-friendly interactive experience. In 2017, we had 19 different musicians, potters, artists, quilters, and more come in for the event, which is traditionally the same weekend as the local Ice Festival. Artists demonstrate their work, interact with members of the community, and have hands on activities. We always end the event with a small reception for the participating artists afterward.

Participation: 694 people; during Winter

Supplies: Tables with table cloths and chairs, refreshments for the reception, extra extension cords on hand

Cost: $250

Submitted by: Aimee Adams, Medina County District Library, adams@mcdl.info, 330-725-0588
INFLATABLE PLANETARIUM—
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Presented by: Pittsburgh Carnegie Science Center

Description: Blast off through space and time with our new digital planetarium! Discover how powerful software and an HD projector makes our portable, inflatable dome more immersive for your learners than ever before. Experience the extreme weather and geological features of our Solar System's many planets and moons, then rocket beyond the Sun to witness wonders of the universe such as nebulae and black holes. Finally, watch for familiar celestial bodies as we shift from day to night-time sky, highlighting objects your students can see from their own backyards!

Participation: 59, but planned for 50; during Summer

Supplies: Large room with tall ceilings for the inflatable; we also provided pizza

Cost: $350

Submitted by: Darlene Dotto, Tuscarawas County Public Library System, ddotto@tusclibrary.org
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