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Petit Branch Library
May 2024 Events

The Library will be closed Friday, May 3 for Staff Development Day, Saturday, May 25 and Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Weekend.

Art Exhibit

All There Is: Homelessness in America in Scene and Story
Craig Anderson and Kelly Bargabos
Throughout May

Craig and Kelly have developed a powerful collection of original artwork paired with micro stories in the voice of the subject that was designed to bring awareness, inspire empathy, provoke action, and bring power and voice to the homeless and unhoused in America. An exhibit of this nature offers a perspective to the community that might be new for some. Craig and Kelly believe this project has eternal significance and are looking for those who can help them share this with the world. Their project was featured in the Watercolor Artist magazine, Spring 2022 edition, was recently on display at the Central Library, and the entire collection can be purchased in paperback on Amazon.

All net proceeds from original artwork, prints, and paperback copies will be donated to Samaritan Center.

For Adults

Seed Swap and Seed Donations
Throughout May

Petit Library's Seed Swap is available for the planting season. Feel free to leave any seeds you are not using, or take some seeds to use for your garden. You do not need to bring in seeds in order to take seeds. We do ask that any seeds brought in should be less than 2 years old. Seed swap will be available for the entire month as seeds are available.



Coffee and Doughnuts with the Great Lakes Guitar Society (GLGS)

Saturday, May 4
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join us at Petit for some awesome guitar music, coffee and doughnuts, and to make some new friends. A showcase of sorts, the concert will feature professional concert artists, local university professors, university students, and amateur musicians as they perform together in the latest installment of the Great Lakes Guitar Society Community Guitar Orchestra. The concert will be inside the library in the Children's Nonfiction section.



Art Exhibit Reception

Saturday, May 4
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come meet artists Craig Anderson and Kelly Bargabos at the reception for their exhibit. They will be available to talk about the exhibit and answer questions. Paperback copies of the exhibit collection book will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

The Saturday Stitch

Saturday, May 18
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join us at Petit for a monthly meet up of needle artists! Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, hand sewers, and more are all welcome to bring their current projects and socialize with other crafters for a relaxing morning. All experience levels welcome.

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Adult Programs Continued...

Overview to Sustainability
Saturday, May 18
2:30 p.m.

Join us at Petit for an exciting presentation on sustainability. John Przepiora, founding member of a local sustainability promotion organization, GreeningUSA, will talk about sustainability from the perspective of GreeningUSA's "Twelve Traits of a Sustainable Community." In a non-scientific way, this presentation will also focus on a key aspect of sustainability: the concept of 'carbon footprint;' and will suggest things we can do to minimize our own impact on the 'greenhouse effect' that is driving climate change.



Westcott Readers – Book Discussion Group
Monday, May 20
6:30 p.m.

This month we'll discuss *Gather* by Kenneth M. Cadow. Ian, a resourceful teenager, struggles to hold on to the family home in rural Vermont. A heartfelt novel about the challenges of youth and the value of community. Join us for a discussion in person or via Zoom. If attending via Zoom, please register in advance through the calendar at onlib.org.

For Children

Make Your Own: Clothespin Bumble Bee
Monday, May 6 – Saturday, May 18

Stop by anytime to make your own bumble bee from wooden clothespins and coffee filters.



Read, Sing and Play: Story Time
Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28
10:30 a.m.

Combined toddler and preschool story time for children ages 1½ to 5 and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. We ask that daycare centers, nursery schools, preschools, and pre-kindergarten programs please make an appointment for a special story time.

OCPL News

FOCL Author Series – Season 29:
Neil Gaiman and Art Spiegelman
Tuesday, May 7
7:30 p.m.

@ The Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theater

The unique duo are respected friends and will be in conversation to close out FOCL's 29th season. In 1992, Spiegelman won the Pulitzer Prize for his masterful Holocaust narrative *Maus*. He was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and in 2018 received the Edward MacDowell Medal, the first-ever given in comic art. Gaiman makes a return to our series and is considered by many as one of the most celebrated writers of our time. His popular and critically acclaimed works bend genres while reaching audiences of all ages.