



Dear North Canton Community,

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and it plays an important part in shining a light on the challenges to which individuals with developmental disabilities adapt as well as promoting inclusivity and acceptance. Many advocates use this period to fight for equal opportunities, education accessibility, health care access, and employment rights for those who live with developmental disabilities.

Here at the North Canton Public Library, accessibility is one of our core values, and we strive to integrate inclusion in everything we do: in the materials we purchase, the programs we offer, and the improvements to our building that we make. We've made some significant strides (the addition of an adult changing table in our public restroom, the installation of a wheelchair charging station, making our water fountains and self-checkout stations wheelchair accessible) but we know there's so much more we can do. We recently met with an Ohio Board of DD organization called Accessible Ohio to walk through our building with us and identify areas where we can improve our ease of access so that everyone can enjoy the Library with comfort and confidence.

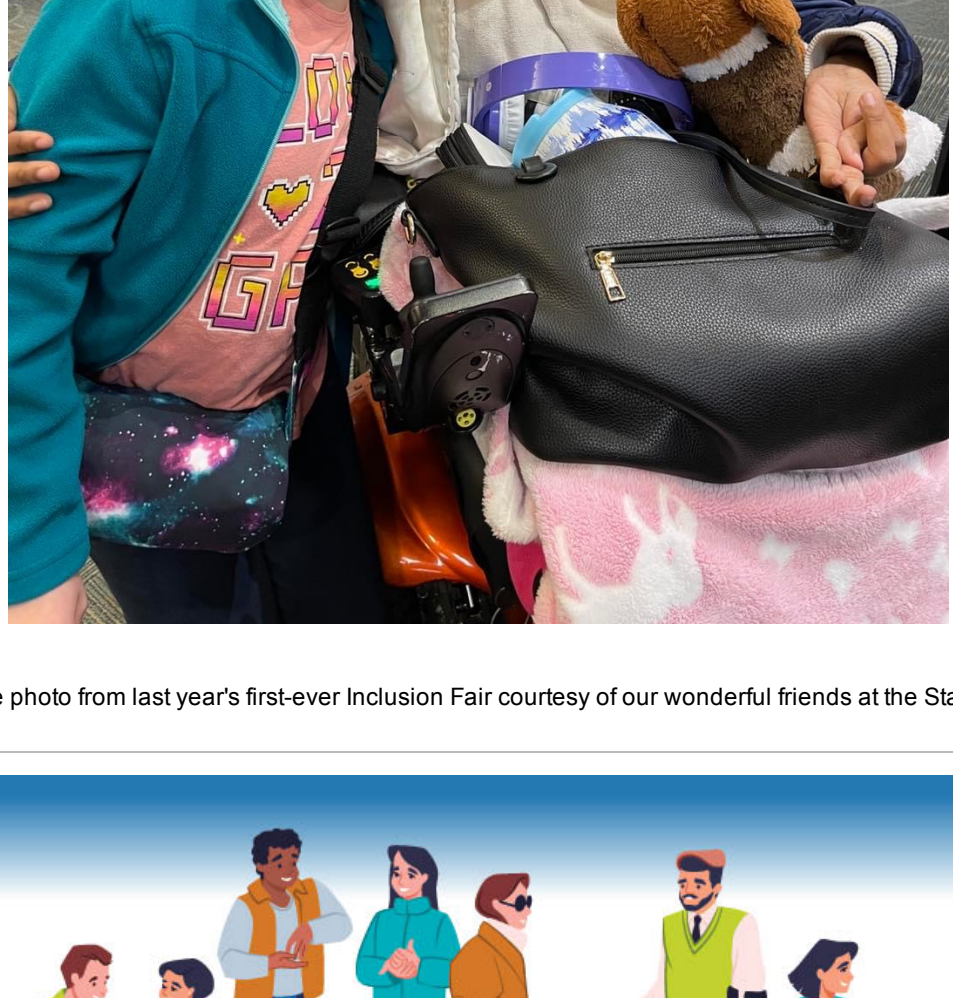
We're celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, too, with this weekend's **Second Annual Inclusion Fair** on **Saturday, March 2 from 1 to 3 p.m.** Your family will be given the opportunity to learn, explore, touch, and experience the different types of supports and equipment that our friends and neighbors who live with a disability use to navigate their daily lives. At this event, we encourage you to **ask** all the questions, **explore** all the equipment, and more than anything, **learn** as much as you can about this valued part of our community. Doing so will ensure that the next time you see a member of our community living life with the help of a wheelchair, a tracheostomy, an augmented speech device, a sensory kit, a service animal, or an adapted piece of equipment, you'll be ready to focus on what's most important: being their friend.

Special thanks to our partners and table hosts: Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Stark DD), Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children, Inc, GIG's Playhouse Canton, Autism Society of Greater Akron, PLAYCO Pediatric Therapy & Kids Gym, Ability Ministry, Jane Bleh, OCCALI, JTEK Solutions Group, LLC, SARTA- Stark Area Regional Transit Authority, North Canton City Schools' Wheelchair Basketball Team, Special Needs Living Magazine, and more!


With kindness,



Andrea Legg
Director




Above photo from last year's first-ever Inclusion Fair courtesy of our wonderful friends at the StarkDD.



The North Canton Public Library will host its Second Annual INCLUSION FAIR

Saturday, March 2, 1 to 3 p.m.

The Inclusion Fair features interactive stations to help attendees gain a better understanding of the ways children and adults with disabilities use different tools to walk, talk, see and hear.



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764,432
materials checked out

131,101
visitors through our doors

36,532
program participants

16,784
uses of library wifi

10,410
reference questions answered

2,695
new library cards issued

955
programs and events

396
meeting room reservations

"I'm so thankful this program exists. It has helped my mom so very much."

"This was such a positive experience for me, and I appreciate the generosity of the library for making it possible. Thanks for all you do and for bringing such phenomenal programming to this library!"

"We are so lucky to have a library of this caliber in North Canton."

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

March 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- OPEN PROGRAMS (NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**
- BABY, BOOKS & ME** for infants through 24-month-olds with a caregiver
Tuesdays from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m.
March 5, 12, April 2, 9, 16, 23
Enjoy lap sit story time including songs, fingerplays and more with Mrs. McBee.
- TALES FOR TWOS** for two-year-olds with a caregiver
Tuesdays from 11 to 11:20 a.m.
March 5, 12, April 2, 9, 16, 23
Enjoy story time with songs, fingerplays and more with Mrs. McBee.
- READ AND SING WITH ME** for three through five-year-olds with a caregiver
Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
March 7, April 4, 11, 18, 25
Enjoy story time with music, movement and more with Mrs. Howard.
- FAMILY LEGO CLUB** for children in preschool through grade five with a caregiver
Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
March 6, April 3, May 1
Design creations with our LEGO collection.
Join us Monday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a special spring break LEGO session!
- FAMILY ART PARTY** for children ages three and up with a caregiver
Friday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Get creative using different art media. Art can get messy, so dress appropriately!
- SUPER SATURDAY** for families
Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
March 2, April 6
Join us for fun-filled activities for children and their family.
- MAGICAL MUSICAL ADVENTURES** for children in preschool, kindergarten and grade one with a caregiver
Thursday, March 28 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Registration is not required
Explore the magic of books and music with stories, songs, movement and more.
- PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE REGISTRATION**
- MARTIAL ARTS DEMO** for grades K-5 with a caregiver
Wednesday, March 27 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Registration begins Monday, March 4 at 10 a.m.
Join staff from Premier Martial Arts Studio for an interactive demonstration lesson and learn about the benefits of martial arts. Wear comfortable clothes.
- FAMILY SOLAR ECLIPSE OPEN HOUSE** for families with children in grades K-5
Saturday, March 30, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, March 4 at 10 a.m.
Stop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to enjoy stations of activities for the family to learn about and celebrate the 2024 Solar Eclipse.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

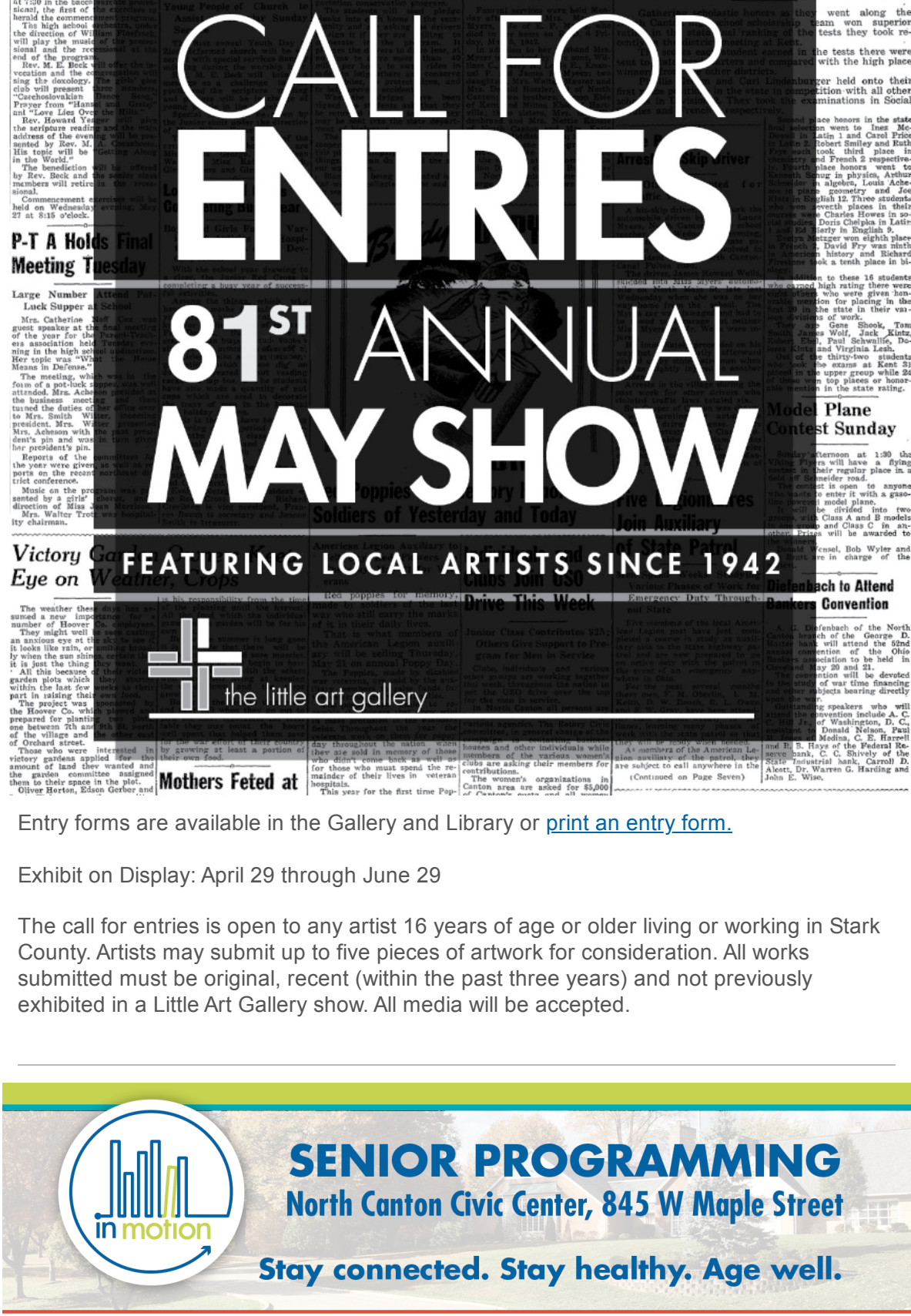
- TAX PREPARATION WITH UNITED WAY VITA**
Make an appointment with VITA to have your federal and state tax return (city income tax prep is NOT available) prepared and e-filed by the United Way of Greater Stark County's IRS trained and certified volunteers for FREE. Contact the United Way at 330.499.10445 for more information about the VITA program.
Drop-Off Clinics
• Tuesday, March 5 from 1 to 7 p.m.
• Tuesday, March 19 from 1 to 7 p.m.
Pick-Up Only Clinic
• Tuesday, April 9 from 3 to 7 p.m.
- ALL LEVELS YOGA**
March 9, April 13, May 11 at 11 a.m.
Registration is open.
Come join us at the library for an all-levels yoga practice with yoga instructor Kristie Leahy Colsma. Yoga mat not supplied.
- FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**
Second Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m.
March 11, April 6, May 13
Third Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m.
March 19, April 16, May 21
Registration is open.
As a caregiver, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and isolated. Knowing where to turn to for help can feel impossible. Get resources that will help alleviate some of that stress, connect with family caregivers who are in similar situations and find the support you deserve.
- NCPL FILM CLUB**
Third Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.
Join us for our "watch first, meet later" film club. Each month, we'll watch a movie that is available through our Kanopy or Hoopla streaming services and meet in person to discuss it. Ages 14 and up are welcome. Films are subject to change.
March 21: *Minari*
April 18: *Force Majeure*
May 16: *Tokyo Story*
- PYSANKY-UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG DECORATING**
Saturday, March 23 at 1, 2 or 3 p.m. (choose one time)
Registration begins Monday, March 11 at 10 a.m.
Known as pysanky, these Ukrainian Easter eggs are decorated using the wax-resist (batik) method. Supplies and tools will be provided. Bring your own hard-boiled egg(s). Please register for one session only. Ages 12 and up are welcome.
- NORTH CANTON WRITER'S GROUP**
Fourth Mondays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
March 25, April 22
Have you always wanted to write? Do you have a great idea but don't know where to start? Have you self-published a book but don't know what to do next? Then this group is for you! Led by author Lana Wayne Koehler, we use exercises and class participation to learn writing techniques that will help you be the writer of your dreams. Newcomers are welcome; begin attending at any time.
- WHAT IS AI AND CHATGPT?**
Monday, March 27 at 6 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, March 18 at 10 a.m.
More and more, AI is in the news and part of our lives—probably more than you realize. Come learn an introduction to AI: what it is, how it works and what is still just science-fiction. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of Ohio.
- FAMILY YOGA**
March 30, April 20 at 2 p.m.
Registration is open.
Join us for family yoga at the library with instructor Kristie Leahy Colsma. Yoga mat not supplied.

BOOK CLUBS

- FIRST MONDAY BOOK CHAT**
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.
March 4: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick (Science Fiction)
April 1: *Dust Child* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai (Historical Fiction)
May 6: *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell (Mystery)
- READABLE HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION**
Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
March 12: *Countdown to 1945: The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days That Changed the World* by Chris Wallace
April 9: *The Factmaker: A Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I* by Lindsey Fitzharris
May 14: *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts* by Loren Grush
- TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB**
Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
March 19: *The Good Nurse: A True Story of Medicine, Madness, and Murder* by Charles Graeber
April 16: *The Feather Thief* by Kirk W. Johnson
May 21: *Little, Crazy Children: A True Crime Tragedy* by James Renner
- CLASSIC LIT BOOK CLUB**
Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
February 21: *Dean Corcoran for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather
March 20: *Dubliners* by James Joyce
April 17: *The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson* by Emily Dickinson
May 15: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

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- ART FROM THE CLASSROOM**
- MIDDLE SCHOOL EXHIBIT** (NCCS and St. Paul's)
Opening Reception: March 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Exhibit on Display: March 7 through March 11
- NORTH CANTON HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBIT**
Opening reception: March 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Exhibit on Display: March 21 through April 7
- Art from the Classroom exemplifies the importance of, and commitment to, visual artistic education in North Canton. The Little Art Gallery is proud to play a role in furthering this dedication by highlighting the creative talents of the children in the community.



Rev. Cossaboom to Speak at Baccalaureate Sunday

North Canton's Scholarship Team Wins State Honor

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CALL FOR ENTRIES

81ST ANNUAL MAY SHOW

FEATURING LOCAL ARTISTS SINCE 1942


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Artists Fed at

Entry forms are available in the Gallery and Library or [print an entry form](#).

Exhibit on Display: April 29 through June 29

The call for entries is open to any artist 16 years of age or older living or working in Stark County. Artists may submit up to five pieces of artwork for consideration. All works submitted must be original, recent (within the past three years) and not previously exhibited in a Little Art Gallery show. All media will be accepted.



SENIOR PROGRAMMING

North Canton Civic Center, 845 W Maple Street

Stay connected. Stay healthy. Age well.

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays for this collaboration between the North Canton Public Library and the City of North Canton that provides free programming targeted to our city's older adults each week.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

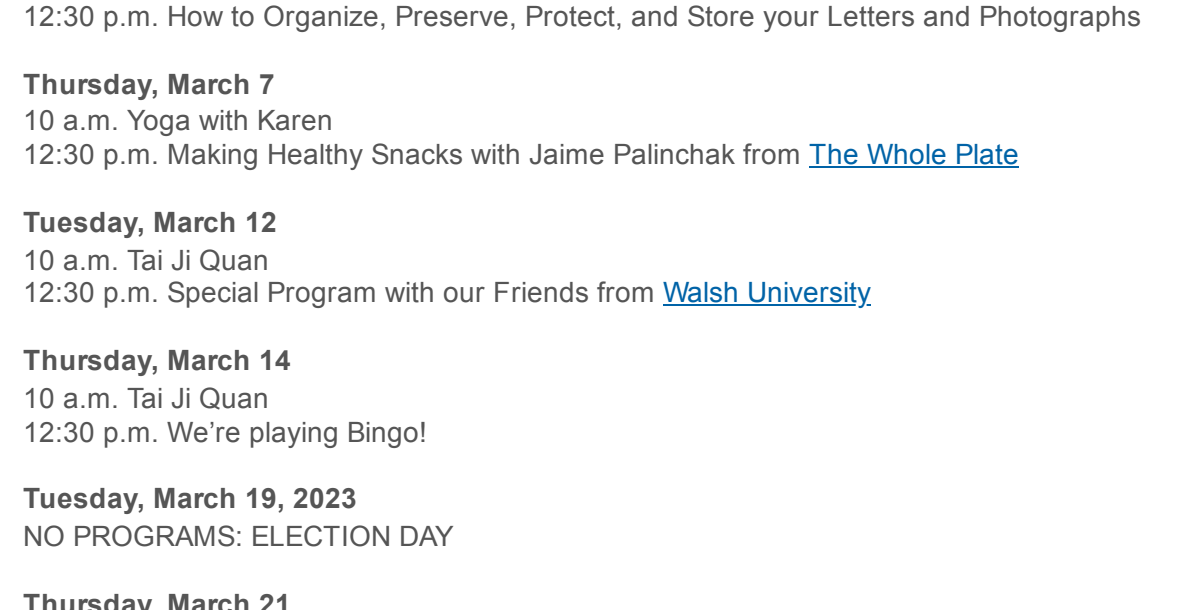


Photo: This week, Senior Center participants learned to make their own floral arrangement in an interactive presentation with Justin from [Leciev & Co.](#)

Tuesday, March 5
10 a.m. Yoga with Karen
12:30 p.m. How to Organize, Preserve, Protect, and Store your Letters and Photographs

Thursday, March 7
10 a.m. Yoga with Karen
12:30 p.m. Making Healthy Snacks with Jaime Palinchak from [The Whole Plate](#)

Tuesday, March 12
10 a.m. Tai Ji Quan
12:30 p.m. Special Program with our Friends from [Walsch University](#)

Thursday, March 14
10 a.m. Tai Ji Quan
12:30 p.m. We're playing Bingo!

Tuesday, March 19, 2023
NO PROGRAMS: ELECTION DAY

Thursday, March 21
10 a.m. Tai Ji Quan
12:30 p.m. Book Club: *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui and/or *Apple Cider Slaying* by Julie Anne Lindsey

Tuesday, March 26
10 a.m. Tai Ji Quan
12:30 p.m. Meet Your Independent Bookstore! Books, Community and Competing in an Amazon World with Lorraine Wilburn from [Little Sparrow Bookshop](#)

Thursday, March 28
10 a.m. Tai Ji Quan
12:30 p.m. Potluck Party

[View Senior Programming Schedule](#)

When you signed up for your new library card, you provided us with your email address to receive standard email account notifications. This includes emails to let you know when we have holds that are ready to pick up, courtesy reminders that items are coming due, and reminder notices of items that are overdue. Don't worry -- you'll still receive these important notices, even if you unsubscribe from receiving other Library communications.