

National Library Week 2019 News Release

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Embrace Leadership at your Library: Celebrate National Library Week April 7-13

(KINGSVILLE, OH) –This week, the Kingsville Public Library joins libraries of all types in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs and expertise.

April 7-13, 2019 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools and campuses. They have public spaces where people of all backgrounds can come together and connect.

Library programs encourage community members to meet to discuss civic issues, work together using new technologies like 3D printing or learn alongside one another in a variety of classes offered. Library staff also partner with other civic and service organizations to actively engage with the people they serve, always striving to make sure their community's core needs are being met.

“The Kingsville Public Library continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community providing crucial services and lifelong learning,” said Mariana Branch, Director. “Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who seek information, access to library materials and technologies to improve their quality of life. One of the most exciting changes we are making this April is to eliminate fines on library materials. By removing this barrier everyone will feel more welcome at the library and will not be refused access to library materials because of overdue fines, says Branch.” The library will follow up on overdue items, sending letters to patrons and asking them to return the missing books and materials. If an item is lost for good, patrons will be asked to reimburse the library.

To kick off National Library Week on Monday, April 8th all library fines will be eliminated from Kingsville Public Library patron cards and no further fines will be accrued. Since the staff will feel like heroes with the start of our Fine Free Program, they will dress-up as their favorite superhero. Stop in to enjoy the fun and pick up a bag of freshly popped “move theatre” popcorn.

Tuesday, April 9th a “Getting to Know Your Library Card,” class will be held from 5:30-7:00pm showcasing all the perks of having a library card. Attendees will learn how to maximize free access to E-Books, Audio-Books, Movies, Music and Databases from their home computer or digital device using the CLEVNET, OverDrive and Hoopla applications. Participants can bring

their own device or use a library laptop. Pre-reservations are required because space is limited. Call the library to reserve a seat.

Wednesday, April 10th the library will support Ashtabula County Children Services during Child Abuse Prevention Month and Pinwheels for Prevention. Staff will be wearing blue to support the health and safety of children in our community. Stop in to view the “My Heroes” and Child Abuse Prevention display and wear blue to support the cause.

Thursday, April 11th a “Cyber Security Basics” technology class will be held from 2-4pm at the Simak Welcome Center. It will be filled with information about staying safe online. This class will teach participants how to create secure passwords for online accounts, how to avoid online scams, and how to protect their privacy whenever they log on to a digital device. Participants will walk away with the knowledge they need to avoid scams, prevent hacking attempts, and ensure their personal information, like bank account information, stays private. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own device, or they can use one of the library laptops. Pre-reservations are required because space is limited. Call the library to reserve a seat.

Friday, April 12th will be “Partner in Education Day”. For 101 years the Kingsville Library has been a School District Library and is a partner with Buckeye Local Schools to provide library materials, educational programs and volunteer opportunities for students. Stop in to view a display of art work and photographs from library programs held for students and wear Buckeye “spirit wear” or red and gray in support of our schools.

Saturday, April 13th stop into the library to pick up a movie for the weekend from our display of staff favorites.

During National Library week library users may also pick up a lens cleaning cloth, free eyeglass repair kit, magnifier card, or Sudoku puzzle. (One item, per person each day, until supplies run out.)

For more information, visit the Kingsville Public Library at 6006 Academy Street, call 440-224-0239 or visit the library’s website at www.kingsville.lib.oh.us. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9-6pm & Saturday 9am-4pm.