



NatureConnect: Welcome Autumn

A week of nature-themed activities and events
at your Akron-Summit County Public Library

Welcome Autumn Bioblitz

Get outside and observe the changes Autumn brings.
This will take place in two parts:

Saturday, September 7-Sunday, September 15:

Take pictures and record your observations in iNaturalist.

Monday, September 16-Thursday, September 19:

Help Identify what you and others found.

Taking part is easy:



Find wildlife

It can be any plant, animal, fungus, slime, mold,
or any other evidence of life (scat, fur, tracks,
shells, carcasses) found in Summit County



Take a picture of what you found

Be sure to note the location of the critter or plant
Share your observations



Upload your findings through iNaturalist

Join us at www.inaturalist.org/projects/nature-connect-welcome-autumn to add your observations

Observing Nature with the iNaturalist App

**Saturday, September 7, 10:30 am
Main Library Meeting Room 1**

Use your smartphone's camera and the iNaturalist app to record the nature in your own neighborhood and be a Citizen Scientist. Librarian (and nature lover) Michele McNeal will introduce the nature-identifying app iNaturalist. Get ready to be a Citizen Scientist and participate in the Welcome Autumn Bioblitz or just learn for fun.



Animals of Ohio Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, September 7-Saturday, September 14
Norton Branch Library**

All ages are welcome to stop by the Norton Branch Library to take part in our Wildlife Scavenger Hunt. Animals are hiding throughout the library and in our NatureConnect Garden outside. Find them all and turn your completed sheet in to the staff to receive a small prize. All correct entries will be entered in a large prize drawing to be held on September 16.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, September 7-Saturday, September 14
Ellet Branch Library**

Appreciate nature while completing our Nature Scavenger Hunt. Completed cards will receive a small prize!

Space StoryWalk

**Saturday, September 7-Saturday, September 14
10 am-7:30 pm Ellet Branch Library**

Go on an adventure with our Space StoryWalk.

Plants and Critters of Ohio Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, September 7- Saturday September 14
Odom Blvd Branch Library**

All ages are welcome to stop by the Odom Boulevard Branch Library to take part in our Scavenger Hunt. Plants and critters are hiding throughout the library. Find them all and turn your completed sheet in to the staff to receive a small prize. All correct entries will be entered in a large prize drawing to be held on September 16.

The Springfield Bog: A History with Mike from Summit Metro Parks

Saturday, September 7, 2 pm

Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library

Learn all about the Springfield Bog as Mike from Summit Metro Parks shares how the Metro Parks acquired the property, protected the natural existing bog and then created the largest prairie habitat in Summit County. Plants and wildlife will be highlighted along with evidence of a 10,000-year-old Native American site.

Plant a Garden for Spring!

Monday, September 9-Friday, September 13

North Hill Branch Library

Interested patrons can help us plant tulip, daffodil, and other bulbs that will bloom in the Spring. Ask at the desk between 10 am and 5 pm.

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DIY Natural Mobile

Monday, September 9-Friday, September 13

Mogadore Branch Library

Join us in the NatureConnect Garden to make a mobile out of materials found in nature.

Welcome Autumn Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, September 10, 10:30 am

Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library

Join Miss Jackie for nature-inspired stories and help us prepare for winter by creating an animal den out of pillows, paper, cardboard, and more!

Welcome Autumn Preschool Story

Time: Fall Farm Frenzy

Wednesday, September 11, 12 pm

Maple Valley Branch Library

Stop in for a 'farmtastic' story time! We will be singing, dancing, and sharing stories about all of our favorite farm animals. There will also be a special craft and surprise visitor at the conclusion of the program!

Welcome Autumn Preschool Story Time

Wednesday, September 11, 1 pm

Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library

Children age 3-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for nature stories, songs, and fun!

Welcome Autumn Story Time

Wednesday, September 11, 1 pm

Ellet Branch Library

For children ages 2-6.

After School Program:

Textured Stones

Wednesday, September 11, 4 pm

Nordonia Hills Branch Library

Grades K-5. Let's discover what's outside. We will use clay to make textured imprints of items we find in nature.

Songs and 'Tails' from the Woods

Wednesday, September 11, 6-7 pm

Goodyear Branch Library

Explore the wildlife in the woods and in our backyards with original music and interactive learning from Sam Sapp and Sarah Matheny. This program is for all ages. Registration is appreciated but not necessary.

Pinecone Birdfeeders

Thursday, September 12, 3 pm

North Hill Branch Library

Children grades 3-12. Join us during afterschool snack and build a birdfeeder using birdseed, peanut butter, and pinecones. All supplies provided.

Outdoor Explorers

Friday, September 13, 4:15 pm

Nordonia Hills Branch Library

At this family program, we will explore our outdoor surroundings, go on a scavenger hunt, make nature-inspired art, start a journal, and more.

Nature- Inside and Out

Saturday, September 14, 1 pm

Green Branch Library

Make nature-inspired bookmarks and imprint "stones." Weather permitting, we'll go outside and use our iNaturalist app to identify some bugs and birds, plants, and leaves.

Welcome Autumn Nature Stroll and Craft

Saturday, September 14, 1 pm

Portage Lakes Branch Library

Enjoy a SILENT stroll in our NatureConnect areas while we use our ears, eyes, and the iNaturalist app to capture and record nature. We'll come back inside to craft a sound instrument using collected nature items. Portage Lakes Branch Library celebrates a "special" Saturday once a month. Spend an hour doing family fun activities. Stay for therapy reading with dogs from Tails & Tales at 2 pm.

Make-It-Take-It Nature Crafts and

Chalk the Walk

Saturday, September 14, 1-4 pm

Ellet Branch Library

Animal Tracks Investigation

Saturday, September 14, 2 pm

Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library

Learn how to identify animal tracks and create your own set of tracks. Special guest appearance by Mr. Don and his tarantulas.

