Jacqueline Woodson | Thursday, December 1 @ 7:00 P.M.
The Bexley High School Schottenstein Theatre | A Program of the Bexley Education Foundation | FREE

Be inspired by New York Times bestselling author Jacqueline Woodson, who will visit as the Bexley Community Book Club's 2016 Selected Author. The winner of the 2014 National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Woodson was recently named the Poetry Foundation's Young People's Poet Laureate for 2015 and is a four-time Newbery Honor medalist. She has recently released her first adult novel in twenty years, Another Brooklyn, to critical acclaim.

ANNOUNCING THE BEXLEY COMMUNITY AUTHOR SERIES
The Bexley Community Book Club (BCBC) was founded in 2008 as a program of the Bexley Education Foundation. In the past, BCBC has successfully hosted notable authors such as James McBride (2015), Jennifer Egan (2013), Jonathan Safran Foer (2012), and Ann Patchett (2010). On December 1, BCBC will host its last author event with Jacqueline Woodson at Bexley High School. Starting in 2017, in the 10th year of the BCBC, ownership will transition from the Bexley Education Foundation to Bexley Public Library and will become one of the library’s signature programs in its new iteration as the Bexley Community Author Series (BCAS).

A newly-created fund at the Bexley Community Foundation, the Bexley Public Library Community Author Series Fund, will support the long-term sustainability of the author series and the work of Bexley Public Library. Soon-to-open Gramercy Books will be the partner book store for this series and Bexley City Schools will also continue as a community partner. Giant Eagle continues their tradition of supporting the author series and will serve as the presenting sponsor in 2017. To learn more about sponsoring this event through a gift to the Author Series Fund at the Bexley Community Foundation, please contact Ken Flower at Bexley Public Library (614-545-6942).

Colson Whitehead | April 25, 2017 | Save the Date
2016 National Book Award Winner
2017 Bexley Community Author Series Selected Author

Bexley Public Library is pleased to announce that the selected author for the inaugural Bexley Community Author Series is Colson Whitehead. Whitehead is a New York Times bestselling and award-winning author whose newest novel, The Underground Railroad, recently received the prestigious National Book Award for Fiction in 2016. It was also the selected book for Oprah’s Book Club in August 2016. Whitehead will visit the Schottenstein Theatre at Bexley High School on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Ticketing information will be available soon.
BREAKOUT! AN ESCAPE GAME FOR TEENS & TWEENS
Friday, December 2 | 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Teens and tweens will be challenged to escape the auditorium using critical thinking, teamwork, and complex problem solving in this immersive learning game.

AUTHOR VISIT: JIMMY MAK
DADDIES SHOULDN'T BREAK-DANCE
Monday, December 5 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
As the head writer for Shadowbox Live, Jimmy Mak often mines his life for comedic material. Daddies Shouldn’t Break-Dance takes readers on a highly entertaining tour of the high points of Mak’s life: his first day on the planet, his exploits as a secret young superhero, his experiences as a father raising charming but rambunctious daughters, and more. Mak packs in the laughs, but also makes room for solemn and poignant observations about the state of the world and the difficult times his own family has experienced. Copies of Mak’s book will be available for purchase and signing.

LAZARUS: THE GRAND SHOPPING EMPORIUM
Tuesday, December 6 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Local history author David Meyers will talk about his newest book, Look to Lazarus. For more than 150 years, F&R Lazarus & Company was the heart of downtown Columbus, and this uniquely midwestern institution won the hearts and minds of a community. Look to Lazarus draws on the memories of those who worked and shopped in this grand emporium to tell the unlikely story of a love affair between a city and a store. Copies of Meyers’ book will be available for purchase and signing.

ZENTANGLE CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP
Wednesday, December 7 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
A little origami, a little Zentangle, and a lot of fun! Learn to make 3-dimensional paper stars and decorate them with Zentangle-inspired art. Great for ornaments, gift giving, decorating, making cards, or adorning scrapbooks. Bring a black pen, gel pens or markers, scissors, and a ruler. Register online or by calling (614) 231-2793.

PEAL HARBOR: 75 YEARS LATER
Wednesday, December 7 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
In honor of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dr. Sarah K. Douglas from The Ohio State University will talk about the attack in its historical context. She will explore the motivations and immediate aftermath of the attack and create a context to fully appreciate why this pivotal event looms so large in our mutual histories and memories of the war.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: INFO MEETING
Friday, December 9 | 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Students in grades 6-12 are invited to learn more about BPL’s new Teen Advisory Board. Attending this meeting and any subsequent meetings will count as service hours. Help shape what programs we offer and be a leader among your peers.

WINTER ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS WITH PUCO
Tuesday, December 13 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
A representative from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) will be holding a workshop on all things utilities including Energy Choice, consumer protection tips, winter energy efficiency tips, and much more. Bring your bills and any questions, complaints, or concerns you have with your current utility services.

AUTHOR VISIT: JOHN HEGENBERGER
Wednesday, December 14 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Local pop culture author John Hegenberger will discuss his new private eye mystery series set in Columbus. His book Spyfall was just given the Killer Nashville Silver Falchion Award, which is committed to discovering new writers and sharing their works with new readers. Copies of Hegnenberger’s books will be available for purchase and signing.

JUST YUMMY HOLIDAY BAKING WITH BRANDI
Thursday, December 15 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Take the stress out of your holiday baking. Discover seasonal and vegan-friendly recipes from Brandi Muhammad of Just Naturally Yummy Bakery. Also learn how to turn your hobby into a home business. Come and sample some yummy treats.

WINTER QUARTER FINALS WEEK STUDY BREAK
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
December 19-21 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Students are invited to study for finals at the library and take a break each evening. Study breaks will feature relaxing music, snacks, and a special surprise each night.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Friday, December 23 | 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Support the crucial work of The American Red Cross by donating blood. Each donor will receive a FREE 6 inch sub from Subway and a long sleeve t-shirt from The American Red Cross. Register by visiting "www.redcrossblood.org" and entering 43209 to find the drive at Bexley Public Library.

NEW YEAR’S AT NOON FAMILY BALL
Friday, December 30 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Celebrate the new year two days early and way before bedtime! We will count down to noon with our very own ball drop. Dressing up is encouraged. Everyone dressed for a royal ball or for playing ball will be entered into a raffle for a new book.

INTRO TO GENEALOGY & ANCESTRY.COM
Tuesday, January 10 | 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Did you know that you can access Ancestry.com for free when you’re in the library? Ancestry.com has over 16 billion records to help you begin your genealogy search, including the U.S. Federal Census from 1790-1940. Come learn how to use the census, Ancestry.com and other basic genealogy databases to start researching your own family tree. In the Tech Classroom.

REMINDER: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 31, AND JANUARY 1-2 FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
TIME TO RETIRE? REWIRE!
Wednesday, January 11 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Retirement is an opportunity to rewire your life in exciting ways, including downsizing your living space. Laura Schulman, owner of A Moving Experience LLC, will give tips on a stress-free moving experience for adults and their families as they begin life’s next chapter. Learn about the emotional and physical aspects of relocation along with ways to save both time and money in the process.

VICTORIA: BRITAIN IN THE 1830s
Thursday, January 12 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Queen Victoria took the throne in 1837 and went on to reign for 63 years. Dr. Christopher Otter, Associate Professor in the Department of History at The Ohio State University will talk about the Britain that Queen Victoria would have inherited, and the Poor Law and Reform Act, which was passed shortly before her reign started but set the tone for the century. Be sure to check out Victoria on PBS, starting January 15th.

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE: THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS
Friday, January 13 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Join us for a family movie matinee screening of The Secret Life of Pets. The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes. All ages welcome, and popcorn and drinks will be provided.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Saturday, January 14 | 3:00-5:00 p.m.
You’re the hero in this special science fiction adventure using the 5th Edition Dungeons & Dragons rules. No experience required. Register online or by calling (614) 231-2873. In the Group Study Room

AUTHOR VISIT: MANSE BLACKFORD
THE EVOLUTION OF COLUMBUS
Tuesday, January 17 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Join author Manse Blackford as he discusses his new book, Columbus, Ohio: Two Centuries of Business and Environmental Change. Blackford analyzes Columbus’s evolution from an isolated frontier village to a modern metropolis, one of the few thriving cities in the Midwest. No single factor explains the history of Columbus, but the implementation of certain water-use and land-use policies, and interactions among those policies, reveal much about the success of the city. Offered in partnership with Ohio State University Press, copies of Blackford’s book will be available for purchase and signing.

DIGITAL DETOXING & YOUR HEALTH: TIME FOR A TECHNOLOGY BREAK?
Wednesday, January 18 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Technology has many positive uses, but the over consumption of technology can have a negative effect on health. In a world where technology is everywhere all the time, deeply ingrained in all aspects of life, how do you reduce technology consumption? Join Jenny Lobb, a Family and Consumer Sciences Educator for OSU Extension, to learn strategies to reduce technology consumption in your everyday life and have a positive impact on your physical, mental and social health.

CALDECOTT READ-IN
Saturday, January 21 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Join us for the 29th Annual Caldecott Read-In with Bexley City School librarians. Spend the morning exploring 2016’s notable children’s books and vote on which you think will win the Caldecott medal. Books will be available to purchase with cash or check. This program is made possible through The Barbara and David Brandt Family “Read for Life” Endowment Fund at the Bexley Education Foundation. Register online or by calling (614) 231-2878.

MINDFULNESS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES
Monday, January 23 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
H. Allen Sanders of Pure Mind Consulting and Way of the Mindful Warrior will be back with a mindfulness session designed for student athletes to maximize their game through the power of meditation and focus.

DISCOVERY TALKS: INFECTIOUS DISEASE
Wednesday, January 25 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
What’s the next generation of vaccine development? How can we keep your mouth from making your heart sick? Discover the latest in infectious disease research with this TEDx-inspired event featuring three experts in infectious disease at The Ohio State University. Join us for these fascinating and thought-provoking presentations, with time for Q & A and discussion afterwards.

GENEALOGY: THE NEXT STEP
Thursday, January 26 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Are you ready to move beyond the basics on your family tree? Learn how to use vital records, military records, and other resources to piece together your ancestors’ lives. Need more of an introduction to basic genealogy? Check out the Intro to Genealogy & Ancestry.com workshop on January 10. In the Tech Classroom

AUTHOR VISIT: ANDREW SMITH
FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR MILLENNIALS
Tuesday, January 31 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Join author and Bexley resident Andrew Smith as he discusses his newest book, Financial Literacy for Millennials, a clear guide for not only young adults, but anyone looking to gain a better grasp on how to make smart financial decisions. Many financial resources get lost in the minutiae of complex finance, focus too much on investments and the stock market, and lack practical advice. Smith will be our expert and very practical guide to what information you need to know when starting your financial life. Andrew Smith is COO of Yenkin-Majestic Paint Corp., served as a CFO for a registered investment fund, and has a finance degree from the Wharton School of Business, along with an MBA and JD from the University of Chicago. Offered in partnership with The Book Loft, copies of Smith’s book will be available for purchase and signing.
AUTHOR VISIT: BILL SHKURTI
OSU IN THE SIXTIES: A DECADE OF CHANGE
Wednesday, February 1 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
On May 6, 1970, an embattled Ohio State University President Novice G. Fawcett took the unprecedented step of closing down the university. Despite the presence of more than 1,500 armed highway patrol officers, Ohio National Guardsmen, deputy sheriffs, and Columbus city police, university and state officials feared they could not maintain order in the face of growing student protests. Using contemporary news stories, long overlooked archival materials, and first-person interviews, The Ohio State University in the Sixties explores how these tensions built up over years, why they converged when they did, and how they forever changed the university. Offered in partnership with Ohio State University Press, copies of Shkurti's book will be available for purchase and signing.

LITTLE HOUSE:
TRUE STORIES FROM THE LIFE OF LAURA INGALLS WILDER
Sunday, February 5 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Join Laura Ingalls Wilder enthusiast, Judy Green, as she brings the beloved Little House stories to life, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Mrs. Wilder’s birth in 1867. She’ll regale us with the stories behind the stories of this beloved author. All ages are welcome.

LEARN JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY
Tuesday, February 7 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Add an extra zing to cards and gifts with Japanese Calligraphy. All supplies will be provided. Bring your creative energy and an appetite for learning something new. Register online or by calling (614) 231-2793.

RUSSIAN FAIRY TALES
Thursday, February 9 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
You may have grown up on fairy tale characters like Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood, but have you ever heard of the hero Ivan Tsarevich? Or the witch Baba Yaga, who lives in a house on chicken feet? Join us as Dr. Stephanie L. Merkel of Ohio Wesleyan University unveils the magical history of Russian fairy tales.

TEEN & TWEEN GAME DAY
Friday, February 10 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Teens and tweens are welcome to join us in the auditorium for an afternoon all about bringing games to life! We’ll have giant sized chess and checkers, board games, live action Five Nights at Freddy’s and more surprises!

SCREEN & SPEAK WITH THE BEXLEY MINORITY PARENT ALLIANCE
Sunday, February 12 | 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Join us for a topical movie screening with guided discussion by BMPA President, Dr. Jonathan Baker. The Bexley Minority Parent Alliance exists to empower Bexley minority students to achieve their full potential by providing support, advocacy, and influencing policy. This event is appropriate for the whole family. Popcorn will be served!

KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY - LIFE'S SIMPLE 7
Monday, February 13 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Pat McKnight, MS, RDN.LD, will help you improve your health with the American Heart Association’s "Life’s Simple 7." An Assistant Professor of Nutrition at Mount Carmel College of Nursing, McKnight will also focus on healthy diet and nutrition changes. A Q & A session will follow.

LITERARY SALON
A Signature Program of the Bexley Community Author Series
Wednesday, February 15 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
In partnership with Gramercy Books and its Gramercy Salon@2424, Bexley Public Library will host a literary salon featuring readings by local authors and poets, along with a dramatic reading from Colson Whitehead’s The Underground Railroad. This is the first in a series of programs leading up to Colson Whitehead’s visit to Bexley on April 25 as the featured author of the 2017 Bexley Community Author Series.

GLOBAL BEXLEY: MAKING A HOME IN OHIO
Thursday, February 16 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Join us for a conversation with community members born in different parts of the world who have made Bexley home. Organized in collaboration with the Global Mobility Project at The Ohio State University, the conversation will be moderated by OSU History professor Theodora Dragostinova.

THINK SPRING: PLANNING YOUR GARDEN
Tuesday, February 21 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
It’s never too early to start planning your garden! Join gardening expert, Colleen Sapp, from Dills Greenhouse to get gardening answers and tips on how to get ready for spring planting.

HOUSE HISTORY IN BEXLEY
Wednesday, February 22 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Have you ever wondered who owned your house before you or when it was built? Learn tips and tricks to find out the history of your house and property at this class.

THE LINCOLN THEATRE WITH SUZAN BRADFORD-KOUNTA
Monday, February 27 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Be inspired by Suzan Bradford-Kounta, general manager of The Lincoln Theatre and creative director of the Thiossane West African Dance Institute, and learn more about this historic theatre, upcoming performances at The Lincoln, and its role as a vital part of Columbus' diverse cultural landscape.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOLKTALES WITH LYN FORD
Tuesday, February 28 | 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join fourth-generation Affrilachian Storyteller and Ohio teaching artist Lyn Ford as she shares a multitude of African-American folktales.
FREE CONCERTS @ THE LIBRARY

AN EVENING WITH BEN GELBER & FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
Monday, December 12
7:00-8:00 p.m.
NBC4 meteorologist Ben Gelber and his group Friday Night Live return to Bexley Public Library to perform a wonderful concert featuring klezmer and traditional Jewish melodies.

BIG BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us for this live-stream concert from Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City. In this much-anticipated annual tradition, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis offers swinging and soulful performances of your favorite holiday music. In addition to the classic selections heard on Blue Engine Records’ Big Band Holidays album, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will perform brand new arrangements of songs both sacred and secular, from “Silver Bells” to favorites like “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.” This year’s holiday festivities are made complete with a very special guest vocalist: Catherine Russell. Russell possesses a transcendent voice and uplifting spirit that have secured her spot as an audience favorite, so good cheer is sure to be shared when she joins the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra in celebration of “the most wonderful time of the year.”

WHO IS LOUIS ARMSTRONG?
LIVE-STREAM FROM JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER
Saturday, February 4
3:00-4:00 p.m.
In this special partnership with New York City’s Jazz at Lincoln Center and WCBE 90.5 FM, Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will introduce us to the music of the legendary Louis Armstrong. This hour-long journey through the life of Armstrong will be hosted by jazz royalty Catherine Russell. Not only is Russell a supreme vocalist and gifted storyteller, she is also the daughter of Louis Armstrong’s long-time music director, Luis Russell. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

PROMUSICA FAMILY CONCERT
Sunday, February 26
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Join ProMusica’s String Quartet for “A Rainbow of Music.” Take a musical journey exploring music inspired by colors of the rainbow and more. All ages are welcome!
**Storytimes**
*December 5 - February 15*

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
*Mondays | 10:00-10:30 a.m.*
Preschoolers will have a ball with stories, dances, and songs, all while building vital early literacy skills.

**BABY STORYTIME**
*Tuesdays | 10:00-10:20 a.m.*
Caregivers and babies alike will love this interactive lapsit program with baby-focused books, songs, and rhymes.

**TODDLER STORYTIME**
*Tuesdays | 11:00-11:30 a.m.*
We weave stories, songs, rhymes, and play activities together to create an experience specific to toddlers’ needs.

**RHYME TIME**
*Wednesdays | 10:00-10:30 a.m.*
Interactive rhymes and basic ASL signs will have you and your child moving and learning together.

**PAJAMA STORYTIME**
*Wednesdays | 6:30-7:00 p.m.*
Snuggle up and listen to some books before bedtime. Wear pajamas to make the occasion even more fun.

**READING WITH ROVER**
*Saturday, February 11*  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Kids are invited to read a book of their choice to a fuzzy, friendly, trained therapy dog. Great for ALL readers. Call (614) 231-2878 to register.

**February is Black History Month**

**BLACK HISTORY STORYTIMES**
*Every Saturday in February | 3:00-3:30 p.m.*
Families are invited to learn about and celebrate famous black Americans at our Black History storytime series every Saturday of February.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN FOLKTALES WITH LYN FORD**
*Tuesday, February 28 | 4:00-5:00 p.m.*
Join fourth-generation Affrilachian Storyteller and Ohio teaching artist Lyn Ford as she shares a multitude of African-American folktales.

**LET’S PLAY!**
*Mondays @ 10:30 a.m. following Preschool Storytime*  
*Tuesdays @ 11:30 a.m. following Toddler Storytime*
Play is important work. It requires concentration, problem-solving, cooperation, and creativity. It promotes movement, persistence, and self-expression. We believe in the positive impact of play and invite you and your child to join us in this meaningful and fun pursuit after each preschool and toddler storytime.

**IMAGINATION STATION**
*Friday Afternoons | 3:30-5:00 p.m.*
Use your imagination at our art supply and LEGO stations every Friday. Instructions not included. Creativity required.

**LEARNING HEBREW THROUGH SONG WITH JOANIE CALEM**
*Sunday, January 8 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.*
Music is the best way to learn everything, including another language. We will learn some basic phrases in Hebrew using songs, dances, games, stories and lots of laughter and fun! Come prepared to play and smile.

**NEW YEAR’S AT NOON FAMILY BALL**
*Friday, December 30*  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Celebrate the new year two days early and way before bedtime! We will count down to noon with our very own ball drop. Dressing up is encouraged. Everyone dressed for a royal ball or playing ball will be entered into a raffle for a new book.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR KIDS**
*Saturday, January 28 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.*
Return to the world of monsters and heroes by attending a special Dungeons & Dragons session just for kids and teens under 18. Teen librarian Bryan will return as the dungeon master and take participants on a journey to an imaginary world of adventure and excitement with fantastic beasts and mystical beings, where anything can happen! Dice and character sheets will be provided. Register online or by calling (614) 231-2878.

**SHARE THE LOVE! VALENTINE MAKING**
*Sunday, February 12*  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
It’s time to share the love. We will have paper and art supplies available. All you need to bring is kindness and creativity. Stop by the Youth Services Department between 2 and 4 p.m.

**HEBREW STORYTIME**
*Sunday, December 18 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.*
Columbus Torah Academy and Sifriyat Pijama (Bedtime Stories) join together to present this family storytime in Hebrew. Non-Hebrew speakers will enjoy it too and even pick up some new words.

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