



SHoWLE February 2026 Update



Welcome to February 2026

Hi Douglas,

We are all **tired of the ICE** and snow this winter so come on out to one of our meetings or events for a good time.

Reminder:

Our **Book Club Not a Book Club** will be meeting this **Saturday 2/7 at 10 am at the Sylvania Branch Library** in the Making Room for further details and blurbs about our other programs this month see the event section elsewhere in this email

Good Turn Out for Dr. Jerry Jaffe

We had a great turn out for Dr. Jerry Jaffe's presentation about New Atheism and Religious Satire after 9/11. The audience was engaged the whole time and asked some great question which Dr. Jaffe handled expertly. If you weren't able to make a copy of the live stream is on [our YouTube channel](#) and Dr. Jaffe will be a guest on the Glass City Humanist podcast in a few weeks. [His book is available for sale as well.](#)



News & Notes

Have you donated to SHoWLE lately?

While SHoWLE does use membership dues for operating the group, any gaps in funding is made up by donations. [You can donate online](#) which is easy to do or if you see Doug or a Board member at a meeting or event we will accept cash or checks. You can also send us a check or money order to PO Box 6433 Toledo, OH 43612-0433.

Chili cook off entry still open

We plan to have a chili cook off at our regular monthly meeting on February 14th. You can enter the contest by [filling out the form on the event page](#). The meeting will be at **Noon** this month because no one wanted to eat chili for breakfast. Also of note we will be meeting at the Heatherdowns Branch Library on Glanzman Rd.

March meeting will honor PI

As part of our March meeting, we will be honoring PI Day. Bring in a pie to share with the group. The main part of the meeting we will be discussing a proposed law in Ohio to move the age allowed to marry to 18 with no exceptions.

Tentative 2026 Calendar

At our last SHoWLE Board meeting we tentatively set the calendar for our monthly meetings for 2026. [If you want to see what to expect check out the document](#). Just remember this is tentative and subject to change.

Survey coming out this weekend

This weekend we will be sending out a survey for our friends and family to fill out. We want to know your thoughts about the group.

The answers will help decide where to put our time and resources.

Do you have an idea for an event?

Do you have an idea for an event or a speaker? Let us know about it. Your idea is more likely to happen if you give us a detailed sketch of what you have in mind. Just reply to this email and give us the details.

For more information check out this page on our website:

<https://humanistswle.org/event-hosting>

Are you looking to be an activist as a Humanist?

Here are some helpful links to learn about activism on the national, state, and local level:

American Humanist Association Action HQ

<https://americanhumanist.org/actionhq/>

Americans United Action Network

<https://www.au.org/get-involved/au-action-network/>

American Atheists Activism

<https://www.atheists.org/activism/>

UUA Justice

<https://www.uua.org/action>

Ohioans Against Extremism

<https://ohagainstextremism.org/>

Honesty for Ohio Education

<https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org/>

Volunteer with Equality Toledo

<https://equalitytoledo.org/volunteer/>

Toledo Troublemakers

<https://redwineblue.controlshift.app/groups/toledo-troublemakers>

Toledo Persists

<https://www.facebook.com/ToledoPersists/>

Note SHoWLE is a 501 3(c) charity and does not endorse candidates for elective office.

We Have T-Shirts Available



We have a limited supply of SHoWLE T-shirts we got during the Here for Good Campaign last year. You can order them using our website form:

<https://humanistswle.org/donations/showle-t-shirt-sale>

Price for all shirts is **\$20** each and if you want it mailed to you then it is an **extra \$6 for shipping**. Once you buy a shirt we can arrange a meetup to get the shirt or you can pick it up at a meeting if you want to save shipping costs.

You can also pay for it using cash or check. [Use our contact form](#) or send us an email with a request for number of shirts and the size and we will get back to you

Quantities are limited



Darwin loves him some chili

News to Know

We are looking for a Kids Movie Host

One of the activities we have done the past couple of years is host a kids movie and free pizza at the West Toledo Branch Library. We are looking for someone who can host this event this summer.

Doug will help with getting the room, the movie, and ordering the pizza but we need someone who can attend each event - usually the last Saturday of the month in June, July, and August. The host would setup the room and prepare the pizza and obtain healthier snacks and soda pop for about 25 to 30 kids at each event. The only requirement is the movie can't be more than PG-13 and the event has to take place at the West Branch Library auditorium.

Let us know if you are interested.

Update Your Profiles

Members can update their profiles on our website. When you joined the group there were options to choose like if you wanted to be in a future directory, if you wanted to be texted reminders, and if you were in the AHA. There is also a box to add the names of others covered under your Household membership for those who have them.

All of that information can be changed on your profile at anytime.

<https://humanistswle.org/register/edit-your-profile>

A video showing how to use the member page is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCzPyPtgUk0>

Photo Waiver

Just a reminder that by attending our public meetings and events you grant SHoWLE the use of your image or likeness for promotion of the group and our mission. If you think it will be an issue for you please reach out to Douglas or a Board member before a meeting or event so we can be sure to avoid you and crop you out of published images. We do not use full names in public materials.

Winter Weather Meeting Policy

Having in-person meetings during the winter in Ohio can be extra tricky. We hope for the best but plan for the worst. We don't want people taking risks to come to a meeting if the weather is bad.

Since we depend on venues like the library for our meeting space, if the venue closes then our meeting could be canceled.

If there is a weather advisory like for extreme cold or a snow storm, check our upcoming event on our website for any updates. Depending on the topic and if we have a speaker we might switch to Zoom. If that happens the Zoom link will be posted on the meeting page on our website. There is no guarantee that we will switch to a Zoom meeting.

The President, in consultation with the Board, will decide if a meeting or event should be canceled or moved to Zoom.

If Lucas county is put into a level 3 snow emergency then assume any in-person meetings and events are canceled and check the website to see if it is being moved to Zoom or other alternatives are being taken.

Although we try to notify everyone if something is changed or cancelled, it is up to attendees to make sure our meeting and/or event is still taking place at the time and date scheduled.

Our full policy can be seen here:

<https://tinyurl.com/showle-winter>

SHoWLE Meet-Up Arrives

Do you have a one time event you plan to attend and think the group would enjoy or are okay with some company? You can now let us know and we can add the information to our calendar to let other members and friends know about it. We call it Meet-up and it will get a blurb on the event page.

Meet-ups can be anything from movie night to touring a museum but you wouldn't mind some people from SHoWLE going with you. SHoWLE doesn't endorse these events but allows members to let others know about some fun social event they might want to join.

Just fill the form at the link below or send us an email to president@humanistswle.org with the details.

SHoWLE *reserves the right to decline to promote any submitted event and we are not able to promote strictly political events that are limited to one candidate or party (for example like a fundraiser event).*

<https://humanistswle.org/let-us-know-about-a-meet-up>

We've joined Walmart Spark for Good

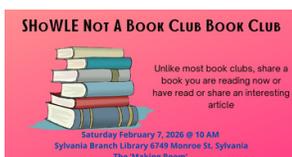
Walmart recently launched Walmart Spark Good Round Up where customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change to their favorite charity. We would love for you to choose us as your charity to receive these donations every time you shop on Walmart.com or in-store at Walmart.

<https://bit.ly/sparkhumanists>



Upcoming Events

Complete details can be found on our [Events Page](#). Unless noted, all meetings and events are free and open to the public



SHoWLE Not A Book Club Book Club

February 7, 2026 @ 10 AM

Join our book club. Unlike most book clubs, we don't name a book all should read to discuss later. Come to the club to share with us a book you are reading now or have read and tell us why we should read it. You can also share any interesting

newspaper or magazine articles you've read. We will be in **The 'Making Room'**

[Read more](#)



Charles Darwin Memorial Chili Cook Off

February 14, 2026 @ 12PM*notetime change*

What's the best way to celebrate Valentine's Day AND Charles Darwin's birthday? A Chili Cook Off. Sign up today to enter the cook off and share your best chili recipe at our February meeting. Participants and guests will be voting on the best chili. To enter see the full event page on our website.

[Read more](#)



Humanist Happy Time at Fortune Inn

February 26, 2026 @ 6PM

Our Humanist Happy Hour has evolved into a quarterly Humanist Happy Time at the Fortune Inn restaurant. Join us at the big table for great Chinese food and merriment. Seating is limited. RSVP on the event page just to let us know you plan to attend.

[Read more](#)

We Have A Podcast - Glass City Humanist

Our latest episode of the Glass City Humanist podcast:



Episode 117: The Streets Of Minneapolis Are Knocking On Our Door

We talk about narratives in relation to political events and how the reaction to a business cancelling a reservation might hurt all of us then we talk about a bill introduced in the Ohio Senate that would address one aspect of human trafficking by prohibiting minors from getting married and then finally we examine the issue with ICE and their paramilitary adventures probably coming to a neighborhood near you.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie is to provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting an ethical, reasonable, and secular approach to life through education, community service, outreach, activism, and social events.

We envision a Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan where secular people are respected and integrated in broader society, live values of reason and compassion, and enjoy a friendly humanist community.

Join or Donate to the Group

Are you a member?

Joining the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie gets you the following benefits:

- A monthly meeting with like minded people
- Ability to guide and vote on the direction of the group

- Serve in leadership positions and on our Board of Directors
- Discounts on sponsored events and group merchandise
- Regular communications about meetings, events, and other topics of interest to the group before the general public
- Most importantly, you will gain the opportunity to make your voice heard and know that you are part of a greater movement working for the values we share.

We have two membership plans:

\$20 for an Individual

\$30 for a Household (two or more people at the same address)

Visit <https://humanistswle.org/join-our-group> to join online or get information to join by postal mail. We also have a fixed income level available on our join page if needed.

You can donate to the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie

Please help us provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting ethical and reasonable secular world views through education, community service, outreach, activism, and social events.

You can use Paypal or a credit card. **Donations are tax deductible.**

[Donate Online](#)

You can always send your check or money order to:

Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie

PO Box 6433

Toledo, OH 43612-0433

Sent via ActionNetwork.org. To update your email address, change your name or address, or to stop receiving emails from Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie, please [click here](#).