

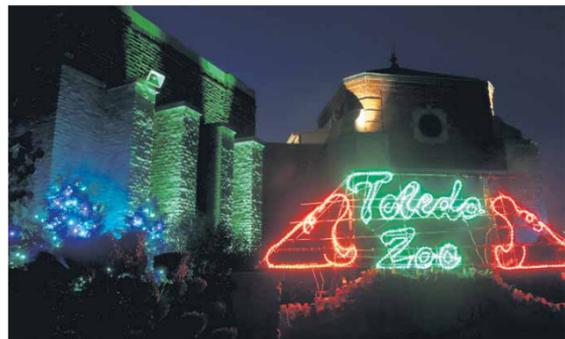


What to buy

# THEATER AND SPORTS TICKETS

The holidays are big events for most people, so why not give that person on your short list the gift of, well, an event? Tickets say not only, "I understand what entertains

you, but go and have a good time." Here are 8 ticket-giver gift options.  
— NICK PIOTROWICZ, BLADE STAFF WRITER



**Toledo Zoo:** Giving a Toledo Zoo membership is a gift that gives the entire year, from for the first nice days of spring all the way through the Lights Before Christmas. Membership comes with discounts at hundreds of reciprocal zoos and aquariums. **\$49 for single Lucas County resident; \$82 for dual Lucas County.** Available at [toledoZoo.org](http://toledoZoo.org).



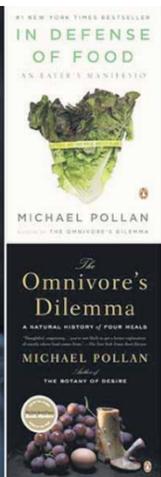
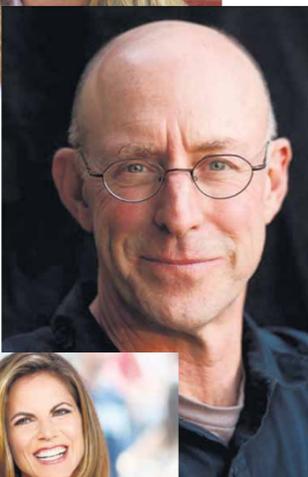
**StubHub gift cards:** This is the utility infielder of the ticket world. Whether your favorite musical act started a new tour, you're a sports fan dying to get into a big game, or you want to cross something off your bucketlist, this gift card works for just about anyone at any time. **\$50.** Available at Best Buy, Staples, Amazon.



**Hockey:** Northwest Ohio has a bit of a thing for hockey, with options at multiple levels. The Walleye pack the Huntington Center on a regular basis, and the Madhouse on Mercer at BGSU is always a fun place to see a game. **\$15-17 for BGSU** ([bgsufalcons.com](http://bgsufalcons.com)); **\$17-26 for Walleye** ([toledowalleye.com](http://toledowalleye.com)).



**Great Escape:** The Toledo Museum of Art offers a full schedule of activities in the days between Christmas and New Year's Day. Many are free, but the guided flashlight tour after hours is both affordable and family-friendly. **\$5 for individual tickets, \$20 for five member tickets.** Available at The Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St.



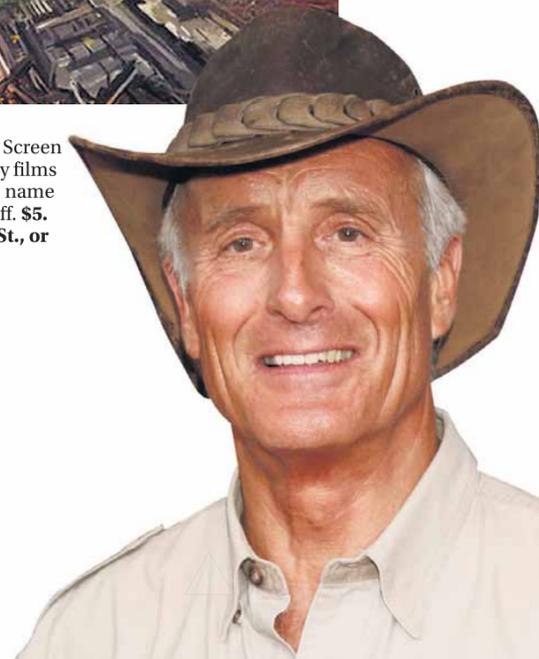
**Authors:** The Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Authors! Authors! series goes into 2018, with notable speakers still to visit. Food and agriculture expert Michael Pollan (March 27), *Today Show* anchor Natalie Morales (April 19), and *Orange is the New Black* author Piper Kerman (May 9) will speak at the Stranahan Theater. **\$15-20; Available at** [toledolibrary.org/authors](http://toledolibrary.org/authors).



**Classic films:** The Valentine Theatre's Silver Screen Classics offers Friday-night viewings of legendary films — *War of the Worlds* and *Gone With the Wind*, to name two. These are an easy stocking-stuffer for any movie buff. **\$5.** Available at the Valentine box office, 400 N. Superior St., or [valentinetheatre.com](http://valentinetheatre.com).



**Beer Me:** The Glass City Beer Festival will have more than 230 beers and 40-plus craft breweries represented in the 2018 incarnation, on March 2 at the Lucas County Rec Center. And if the beer isn't enough incentive, proceeds go to Camp Courageous/The Arc of NW Ohio and the Northwest Ohio Hemophilia Foundation. **\$30 or \$50.** Available Dec. 1 at [glasscitybeerfest.com](http://glasscitybeerfest.com).



**Jack Hanna:** The popular zookeeper and conservationist is bringing a concert-style show to Toledo, featuring animals and video clips from his travels through the years. "Jack Hanna Into The Wild Live" will make its Toledo stop April 22 at the Valentine Theatre. **\$24-\$49.** Available at the Valentine box office, 400 N. Superior St., or [valentinetheatre.com](http://valentinetheatre.com).

\* Prices and availability subject to change.

THE **TEN** TENORS  
*Home for the Holidays*  
Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Valentine Theatre  
Call The Valentine Box Office at 419/242-2787 or order online at [valentinetheatre.com](http://valentinetheatre.com)  
400 N. Superior Street, Downtown Toledo