

Lorain Public Library! Dimensions

System



Combating the "Summer Slide"

Ways to Keep Your Child's Skills Up this Summer

Ah, summer - when a child's fancy turns to thoughts of sleeping in, playing all day and NO HOMEWORK! But just because kids are out of school doesn't mean learning should stop. Years of research show that "summer slide," or loss of skills learned in the previous school year during the long break, occurs when children lack learning experiences in the summer.

The good news is, learning experiences can be found everywhere, and the library is here to help!

Choosing What to Read

Make sure your kids continue to read throughout the summer to keep those comprehension and fluency skills up. There are no limits to what can be read or how it is experienced. Audiobooks provide great opportunities to increase listening skills and comprehension. Nonfiction books have great vocabulary. Graphic novels provide a rich visual experience and an alternative for kids who don't enjoy reading a lot of text. Check out an eBook on a mobile device on a family road trip. The important thing is to let children choose their own books in the summer, even if it means they are reading below grade level or rereading a book several times. Fostering a love of reading will help motivate them to work harder as reading becomes more difficult.

Focus on All Subjects

"Summer slide" affects more than reading skills. Math, science and social studies skills can also fade unless new and fun ways are found to engage learning while away from school. Summer is a great time to help your child explore interests through books. Get some books on gardening and grow your own vegetables this summer. Check out some cookbooks and practice some everyday math skills while trying out new recipes. Have a child who wants to play Minecraft all day? Try some books that will get him or her thinking about creating new mods and learning how video games are made. This summer marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Check out a children's documentary and discuss what it would be like to grow up in a country at war.

The possibilities are endless this summer, so stop in at any Lorain Public Library System library and let the experience begin!

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Every Hero Has a Story this Summer at Your Lorain Public Library System

Get Excited about our Summer Reading Program

Lorain Public Library System's Summer Reading Program is for all ages. The 2015 theme is heroes. From superheroes to everyday heroes, it's going to be a fun, educational summer.

The Armstrong Air & Space Museum will be presenting two programs throughout the system. Kids will love the interactive experiments at *Batman – Defying Gravity* and *Superman – Forces of Flight*.



Win Books!

Summer Reading participants, birth through 12th grade, will earn a free book for every four hours of reading. Score up to five new books this summer!

Beginning Monday, June 8, stop by the library to pick up a reading record with instructions, or print one from online at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Summer-Reading-Program.

Did you know that being read to also counts toward reading credit? Reading to someone or listening to audiobooks gets all listeners closer to each reading goal.

Once you read for four hours, bring your reading record to the library, turn in your reading slip and choose one book as a prize.*

Who Says Kids Have All the Fun?

Adults are encouraged to get in on the action too. Each library has its own unique adult Summer Reading Program. Contact the library for details.

Success!

Last year, over 2,000 teens and children participated in our Summer Reading Program. Their combined efforts added up to over 36,000 hours of reading! Over 700 adults read more than 6,000 books. Congratulations to all. We hope you'll help make this year a success too!

**Book prizes available while supplies last.*

Kickoff Party at the Beach

The seventh annual Summer Reading Program kickoff party for the whole family is Saturday, June 6. Daytime activities are from noon to 3 p.m. at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. in Lorain. An evening party is on the beach from 6 to 8 p.m.

See the amazing hero in yourself! Come wearing your favorite hero costume and take part in a special training camp with some of your favorite superheroes during the day.

Then at night, come dance to your favorite oldies.



Main Library

351 W. Sixth Street
Lorain, OH 44052
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ

M,Tu,W,Th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hours subject to change

June

Monday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 30 Summer Poetry Contest Lorain Public Library System

Third through 12th-graders, submit an original poem between June 1 and June 30 for a chance to win a poetry journal and other prizes. Be creative! Further instructions and the entry form are available online.

Saturday, June 6; noon - 3 p.m.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Beach Party - Every Hero Has A Story
Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
What's your superpower? Cosponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Lorain County Metro Parks, the beach party launches the library's "Every Hero Has a Story" Summer Reading Program and the metro parks' Lakeview Park beach season. Fun for the whole family will include crafts, games and face painting as we help everyone see the amazing hero in themselves! Join some of your favorite characters for an interactive Junior Superhero Academy presented by Spectacular Party Entertainment LLC. Wear your favorite hero costume and bring your camera for special photo opportunities.

Saturday, June 6; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Summer Reading Program Kickoff - Beach Party
Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
Help kick off the adult Summer Reading Program. Dance the night away as a DJ plays your favorite oldies but goodies on the beach! All ages will enjoy the festivities taking place at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. in Lorain. Dip your toes in the water, or simply take in the view of the sun setting over the lake. If the weather ruins the fun, a rain date will be announced at a later time.

Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21;
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Teen Drama Club

Join this group of sixth through 12th-graders in rehearsing and performing a dramatic presentation to younger kids. Rehearsal dates are Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23 and 30; July 7, 14 and 21 from 1 - 3 p.m., and Saturday, July 18 from 2 - 4 p.m. The performance dates are Wednesday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 10; 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Big Buddy Orientation
Are you a teen that would like to volunteer your time and read with kids at the library? Become a Big Buddy! Book Buddies is a program that pairs middle and high school students with early readers. Big Buddies must attend this orientation session, and they must commit to the whole Book Buddies program that meets Wednesdays at 3 p.m., June 17 through July 29. Big Buddies should sign up online under this listing. Little Buddies should register under the Book Buddies program listing. Preregistration required.

Thursday, June 11; 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Summer Science - Brushbots
Come join us for another round of Summer Science. Start the series off by building your own tiny robot, a brushbot to be exact! What's a brushbot? Sign up and find out. For kids in grades four through six - older siblings welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 15; 5:30 p.m.

Teen Trivia Night - Superheroes

Come on in and test your knowledge of all things superhero. We'll have snacks and prizes! Ages 12-18 welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesdays, June 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;

3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Book Buddies

Book Buddies is a program that pairs middle and high school students with early readers. We need Big Buddies who like to work with young kids and will volunteer their time to read at the library. Little Buddies are needed to play games and read with teens. Big Buddies must commit to the whole program, and they must have attended a special orientation session on June 10. Little Buddies will start attending on June 17. Sign Little Buddies up online under this listing. Big Buddies should register under the Big Buddy Orientation program listing. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

LEGO® Night

Do you love to build with LEGO®s? The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 20; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Library Wipeout

Ready for a wipeout? Come try your skills in our very own wacky obstacle course. Children ages 6 to 12 accompanied by a responsible adult are invited to gather at the grassy area by the parking lot to run, jump and roll their way at the fastest time! There will be prizes! Rain date is scheduled for Saturday, July 18. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 22; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

Join Ernesto Hernandez, local Yu-Gi-Oh! expert, for open play time. He will share his knowledge from regional and national tournaments. The Yu-Gi-Oh! open play time is for 8-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens May 18. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 24; noon

The Sandusky-Lorain Tornado Of 1924

At least 85 people were killed in the deadliest single tornado to strike two Ohio cities on the same day. Come hear about the devastation that made Lorain famous throughout the nation. See photos and view newspaper clippings about the event. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring along your own brown-bag lunch as well. Preregistration required.

Thursday, June 25; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Summer Science - Super Bugs

Come join us for our second round of Summer Science! For kids in grades four through six - older siblings welcome. Preregistration required.

Thursday, June 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Frozen Fun

We didn't mean to freeze the summer! Join us for music, simple crafts and activities with your favorite Frozen friends. All ages are welcome. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 27; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Couponing With Rachel

Want to save money on your grocery bills? Rachel Krych, columnist with The Chronicle-Telegram in Elyria, can help! Rachel will show you where to get coupons and how to organize them to maximize savings, and give you great coupon tips. What's a catalina and how can it save you money? Find out here! Also receive tips for shopping at Giant Eagle, Target and CVS. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 29; 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Construct-A-Saurus

Families with children of all ages, join us as the Lorain County Metro Parks presents Construct-a-Saurus at the library. Children will learn basic dinosaur facts as they help build a 7-foot-tall dinosaur! Preregistration required.

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July

Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 31
Who's Your Hero Photo Contest

Lorain Public Library System

Calling all photographers! Showcase your photography skills in our "Who's Your Hero" photo contest this July. Contest rules and an entry form are available online.

Wednesday, July 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Minecrafters

Calling all Minecraft fans! Grab your pickaxe or sword and join us in the Nether for an evening of simple Minecraft-themed crafts. For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Saturday, July 4

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Thursday, July 9; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Summer Science - Superman - Forces Of Flight

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Wednesday, July 22; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Teen Drama Club Presents

Come and enjoy a theatrical presentation by the Lorain Public Library's very own Teen Drama Club. You are sure to be entertained by this talented group of young adult thespians. Preregistration required.

Thursday, July 23; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Summer Science - The Science Of Origami

Come join us for some Summer Science all about origami. Learn how to fold paper into 3-D creations! For kids in grades four through six - older siblings welcome. Preregistration required.

Thursday, July 23; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Our Zoo To You And Ice Cream Social

Back by popular demand, get up close and personal with live animals brought to you by Our Zoo to You. Enjoy an ice cream treat too. Families may bring lawn chairs and blankets as we will gather in the grassy area by the parking lot. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held in the library. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 29; noon

Sears Kit Homes In The Lorain County Area

Between 1908 and 1940, Sears, Roebuck and Company sold more than 70,000 kit homes by mail order throughout the United States. Come to this program to hear about some of the homes in the greater Lorain County area that have been identified as Sears homes. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring along your own brown-bag lunch as well. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 29; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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August

Thursday, August 6; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Balloon Bonanza

Celebrate the end of summer with the most incredible balloon creations you've ever seen! Swifty the Clown will wow the audience in this interactive and entertaining program for families with children of all ages. Each child will get a chance to participate in the show and take an amazing balloon creation home. Preregistration required.

Saturday, August 15; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Teen Wipeout - Teen Summer Reading Finale

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Saturday, August 22; 2 p.m.

Hey, Boo!

Harper Lee And To Kill A Mockingbird

Fifty years after winning the Pulitzer Prize, *To Kill a Mockingbird* remains a beloved best-seller and quite possibly the most influential American novel of the 20th century. Watch the documentary film *Hey, Boo: Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird* that unravels some of the mysteries surrounding Harper Lee, including why she never published again for decades. The movie also brings to light the context and history of the novel's Deep South setting and the social changes it inspired after publication. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, August 26; noon

Lorain's Fabulous Lighthouse

Matthew Weisman and Frank Sipkovsky will tell the exciting story of Lorain's lighthouse. They will discuss the history of and efforts to preserve this iconic Lorain attraction. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring along your own brown-bag lunch as well. Preregistration required.

MAIN EXPLORERS

Mondays, June 15, 22, 29;

July 6, 13, 20, 27; 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Explorers

Explore something new each week with stories, music, crafts and guest speakers. For children entering first through fifth grade. Preregistration required.



Summer Reading Program

June 8 - August 8

Participants, **birth through 12th grade**, will earn a free book for every four hours of reading. Win up to five books this summer! Beginning Monday, June 8, stop by the library to pick up a reading record with instructions, or print one from online at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Summer-Reading-Program.

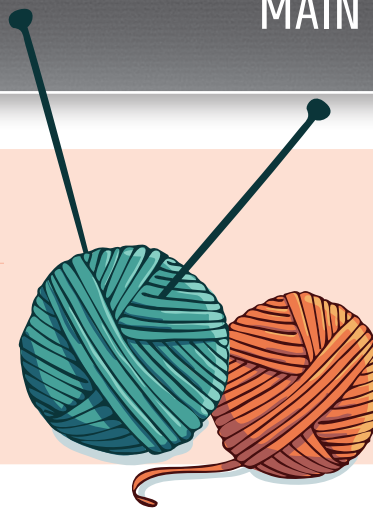
Book prizes available while supplies last.

Adults are encouraged to get in on the action too with a unique Summer Reading Program just for them! Contact the library for details.

Don't Miss Yarn Club

Saturdays, June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10 a.m. - noon
Yarn Club

Knitting/crochet instructor Valerie Dillard will teach and review the basic stitches of knitting and crochet. The yarn club is open to teens and adults. Beginners as well as those who have come to her previous classes are welcome to join the club. Yarn is provided for practice. Please bring knitting needles (size 9 or 10) or a crochet hook (size G or H). Preregistration required.



Exercise Programs

Mondays, June 1, 15, 29; July 13, 27;
August 10, 24; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Zumba

Zumba makes working out fun and effective! Join the Zumba workout craze and shed pounds while dancing to merengue, salsa and other hot Latin beats. Preregistration required.

Fridays, June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;
August 7, 14, 21, 28; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Basic Yoga

Join the weekly Friday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel for this hourlong program.

Computer Programs

Friday, June 5; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

Get started here with the basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and an introduction to the Windows operating system. This class includes an opportunity to receive a Certificate of Completion mouse skills certificate. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 8; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

Friday, June 19; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Become familiar with Internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about the LearningExpress Library service available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 20; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, June 26; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 27; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, July 3; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Friday, July 17; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Monday, July 20; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, July 31; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

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Monday, August 3; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, August 7; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Monday, August 10; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, August 21; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tech Help

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Saturday, August 22; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Story Times

Mondays, June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Family Story Time

Families with babies, toddlers and young children will enjoy stories, music, finger plays and a craft while developing important early literacy skills. Preregistration required.

Wednesdays, June 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Three through 5-year-olds gather for stories, music, finger plays and a craft. Preregistration required.

Avon Branch

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Avon, OH 44011
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Monday, June 8; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Every Hero Has A Story - Avon Kickoff

Meet your favorite superhero at the library and enjoy a movie about high-tech heroes. Our Summer Reading kickoff event will begin at 5 p.m. with a meet and greet with some of your favorite superheroes, games and crafts. Then we'll enjoy our big movie event at 6 p.m. This program is also being offered on Thursday, June 11 from noon to 3 p.m. Preregistration required.

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Thursday, June 11; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Superhero Duct Tape Night

Teens, come to the library and have fun playing with duct tape. You'll use duct tape and supplies provided by the library to design your own superhero costumes and accessories. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 24; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

First Aid Herbs

This class will discuss the top 10 herbs that can be used in first aid applications. Join master herbalist Mary Colvin to learn their medicinal properties, and the best herbal preparations to use in each situation. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 27; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Writers Group

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn about the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

July

Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 31

Who's Your Hero Photo Contest Lorain Public Library System

Calling all photographers! Showcase your photography skills in our "Who's Your Hero" photo contest this July. Contest rules and an entry form are available online.

Saturday, July 4

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Minions Party

Bring the whole family and come celebrate everyone's favorite despicable characters: Minions! We're celebrating the release of the Minions' very own movie with all kinds of Minion-themed games and activities. We'll also be doing a costume contest, so be sure to wear your most convincing Minions-themed costume because the winner will receive a Regal gift card. Preregistration required.

Monday, July 13; 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Book Buddies Volunteer Orientation

Are you a teen that would like to volunteer your time and read with kids at the library? Become a Big Buddy! Book Buddies is a program that pairs sixth through 12th-grade students with early readers. Big Buddies must attend this orientation session and they must commit to the whole Book Buddies program that meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. from July 13 through Aug. 10. The first Book Buddies session is immediately following this orientation. Preregistration required.

Mondays, July 13, 20; 27;

August 3, 10; 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Book Buddies is a program that pairs sixth through 12th-grade students with early readers for five afternoons of fun, games and reading. Sign Little Buddies up online under this listing. Big Buddies should register under the orientation listing. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 15; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Teen Crafternoon

Teens, come to the library and flex your creative muscles by doing various craft activities. You'll get to take home your creations when you're done. Supplies will be provided by the library. Preregistration required.

Monday, July 20; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Rock 'N' Roll History - The (First) British Invasion From 1963 To 1967 And Beyond

Adults and teens, join Dr. Joel Keller of North Ridgeville for a historical chronology of the British Invasion, with The Beatles performing on *The Ed Sullivan Show* plus non-musical aspects of the invasion, including fashion, mod design and models of the era. Dr. Keller will share a selection of performances by various artists and groups, beginning with The Animals and ending with The Zombies. Preregistration required.

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Wednesday, July 22; 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Amelia Earhart - Hero In History

Join Women in History member Julie Warren as she portrays the most famous American woman pilot, Amelia Earhart. Hear about her amazing life filled with courage and bravery while over 75 years later we still ponder the mystery of her disappearance and untimely death. Preregistration required.

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Monday, July 27; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Rock 'N' Roll History - An Introduction To Progressive Rock And Rock Stars Of The 1970s

Adults and teens, experience a historical perspective of the early 1970s and the origination of progressive rock. Learn about characteristics, musical form, instrumentation, lyrical themes and social commentary. Album covers exhibiting spectacular art renditions will be shown, and progressive rock artists of the '70s will be introduced and their recordings played. Preregistration required.

August

Saturday, August 1; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Elephant And Piggie Party

Children and families, come to the library and celebrate Elephant and Piggie, the endearing characters created by Mo Willems. We will read stories and have crafts and games based on the popular Elephant and Piggie books by Willems. Preregistration required.

Thursday, August 6; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

- Preview open to Friends

Friday, August 7; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Open to public

Saturday, August 8; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Open to public

Book Sale & Preview

Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. Book sale open to the public Friday and Saturday. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

Monday, August 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Tiny Tales - Stories Of Small-Sized Superheroes

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's ... the Superhero Storyteller! Interactive folktales from around the world show that no one is too small to be a hero! Children of all ages will be inspired to find little ways that they can be superheroes in their everyday lives, such as by showing kindness and having the determination to do the right thing - even when it's not easy. These acts, more so than having superpowers, are what makes someone a true superhero! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, August 12; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Pizza Taste-Off

Ever wondered who has the best pizza in Avon? Well now is your chance to decide! Come to the library and enjoy samples from various local pizzerias. Vote for your favorite. Results will be posted on the library's social media pages. Preregistration required.

Saturday, August 22; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Wednesday, August 26; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Boys In The Hall - Cleveland Connections To The Baseball Hall Of Fame

Join Jim Smith from The Lorain County Historical Society for a thumbnail look at every enshrinee in Cooperstown who stopped in Cleveland for all or part of his career in professional baseball. Preregistration required.

AVON EXPLORERS

Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30; July 14, 21, 28;
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Mini Explorers

Discover how heroes come in all shapes and sizes with books, activities and play. Fun for preschoolers through kindergarteners. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30; July 14, 21, 28;
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Explorers

Discover your inner hero and learn about the different kinds of heroes, from the high profile superheroes to the heroes who keep our community safe every day. We'll have fun with costumes, art, games, books and all manner of feats. For children in first through fifth grade. Preregistration required.



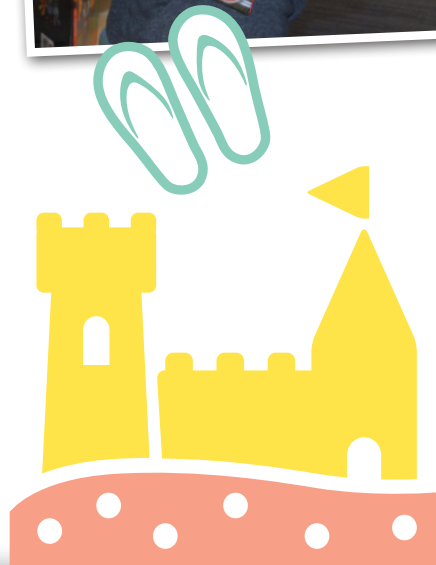
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Book prizes available while supplies last.

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Computer Programs

Saturday, June 13; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PowerPoint For Beginners

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 15; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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Saturday, June 20; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, July 18; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Saturday, July 25; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tech Help

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

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Monday, August 24; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Book Discussions

Wednesday, June 3; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

The Dream: A Memoir

By Harry Bernstein

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.



Tuesday, June 23;

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

Prodigal Summer

By Barbara Kingsolver

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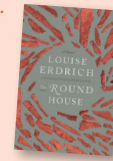
Wednesday, July 1; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

The Round House

By Louise Erdrich

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.



Tuesday, July 28;

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

The First Patient

By Michael Palmer

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Wednesday, August 5;

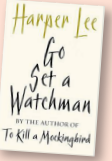
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

Go Set a Watchman

By Harper Lee

In celebration of Harper Lee's second release, we'll be viewing the movie based on Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, and then discussing the novel *Go Set a Watchman*. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.



Tuesday, August 25;

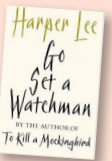
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Two Steppin' Twos - Story Time For 2-Year-Olds

Stories, music and finger plays for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.



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June

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Summer Poetry Contest
Lorain Public Library System

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LEGO® Club

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Saturday, June 6; noon - 3 p.m.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Beach Party - Every Hero Has A Story
Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
What's your superpower? Cosponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Lorain County Metro Parks, the beach party launches the library's "Every Hero Has A Story" Summer Reading Program and the metro parks' Lakeview Park beach season. Fun for the whole family will include crafts, games and face painting as we help everyone see the amazing hero in themselves! Join some of your favorite characters for an interactive Junior Superhero Academy presented by Spectacular Party Entertainment LLC. Wear your favorite hero costume and bring your camera for special photo opportunities.

Saturday, June 6; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Summer Reading Program Kickoff - Beach Party
Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
Help kick off the adult Summer Reading Program. Dance the night away as a DJ plays your favorite oldies but goodies on the beach! All ages will enjoy the festivities taking place at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. in Lorain. Dip your toes in the water, or simply take in the view of the sun setting over the lake. If the weather ruins the fun, a rain date will be announced at a later time.

Monday, June 8 through Saturday, August 8;
regular library hours

Find The Duck Villains

Kids of all ages, help the super ducks find the villainous trio of rubber duckies who are plotting to take over the library. Each week from June 8 through Aug. 8, they will be in a new location. If you are successful, you will win a prize. One entry per week.

Monday, June 8; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Exotic Animal Petting Zoo Program

Children of all ages will enjoy visiting with a mixture of exotic reptiles and mammals in this entertaining and educational program presented by Our Zoo to You. Enjoy an afternoon learning about these live animals firsthand. Join the fun during this interactive, hands-on experience! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Geekery Perler Bead Craft

Teens, learn how to make simple bead crafts come alive with your favorite geeky obsession. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 17; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Video Game Night

Teens in grades five and up, stop by with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii® and PlayStation®3 on the big projector screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

Thursday, June 18; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Zentangle®

Zentangle® is a new, easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Zentangle® provides artistic satisfaction, as well as increases focus, creativity and sense of personal well-being. You will be amazed at how simple it is to do. No previous art or drawing experience is needed. Join Certified Zentangle Teachers Cathy Zavodny and Michelle Rodgers to learn this art form. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 20; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 23; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Superhero Costume Design Workshop

Learn about designing costumes for your superhero creations. The instructor will cover the history of superhero costume design and why costumes change from the comics to movies and television. No drawing experience necessary. Students will be provided templates from which to work. Local artist Mike Leuszler will teach you how to develop a great looking - and maybe even practical - outfit for your heroes and villains. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 24; 5 p.m.

Teen Drive-In Movie Night

Teens, come and enjoy a popular PG-13 film along with popcorn and refreshments. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows to stretch out in our meeting room. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, June 30; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Superhero Boot Camp

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Superhero Boot Camp! Make your own superhero mask and cuffs, and create a superhero name when you attend this month's party. Use your superhero powers in target practice, defeat the nastiest villains and hone your X-ray vision. Plus train to become the world's bravest and strongest crime fighter and earn your Superhero Training Certificate. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

July

Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 31

Who's Your Hero Photo Contest

Lorain Public Library System

Calling all photographers! Showcase your photography skills in our "Who's Your Hero" photo contest this July. Contest rules and an entry form are available online.

Saturday, July 4

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Independence Day.

Friday, July 10; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® Club

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Monday, July 13; regular library hours

Superhero Teddy Bear Sleepover

Bring your stuffed animal for a superhero sleepover at the library! Drop off your special friend anytime on Monday and pick him or her up on Tuesday. Overnight, your stuffed animal will transform into a superhero. You'll need to see the sleepover pictures to believe it. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, July 14; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Superman - Forces Of Flight

Superman needs a few things to help him in flight - four to be exact! In this program from the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, children will learn about the four forces of flight and will construct their own paper airplane, paper copter or kite. Then they can test their creations in a wind tunnel! Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, July 21; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- Open to public

Wednesday, July 22; noon - 7 p.m.

- Open to public

Thursday, July 23; noon - 7 p.m.

- Open to public

Friday, July 24; noon - 6 p.m.

- Bag & box sale open to public

Saturday, July 25; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Penny Day open to public

Book Sale & Preview

Admission to Monday's book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual membership that evening. The book sale is open to the public from Tuesday through Saturday and sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Look for great bargains on books, CDs, DVDs and more. Friday only - \$3 a bag, \$5 a box. Penny Day discount prices are in effect Saturday only. All remaining items will sell for 1 cent each.

Thursday, July 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Science Of Superheroes

Batman without a Batmobile? Iron Man without his suit? There's no doubt that superheroes couldn't be super without scientific inventions. At this program, children ages 7 to 12 will create a few of their own, including a puff rocket and a balloon hovercraft. Then we'll race the vehicles and compete for fun prizes. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

August

Friday, August 7; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® Club

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Tuesday, August 11; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show

Come and join us for a visit with Outback Ray and his amazing exotic animals. Be ready for an interactive, educational and exciting time! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, August 12; 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

End Of The Summer Teen Party

All teens are welcome to our annual end of the summer teen party. We will have games, trivia, prizes and pizza. Weather permitting, we may have outdoor games too. Bring a friend and come have some fun. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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Wednesday, August 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Video Game Night

Teens in grades five and up, stop by with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii® and PlayStation®3 on the big projector screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, August 25; 5 p.m.

Classic Harper Lee Film Showing

Sit back, relax and enjoy a showing of the 1962 film adaptation of Harper Lee's classic novel. This tale of injustice and prejudice in 1930s Alabama, told through the eyes of a 6-year-old, is sure to enthrall. Refreshments will be provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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Book prizes available while supplies last.

Adults are encouraged to get in on the action too with a unique Summer Reading Program just for them! Contact the library for details.

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Computer Programs

Thursday, June 4; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio - Download And/Or Stream Movies, Magazines And More!

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable and/or streaming magazines, movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks. Get an overview of what Hoopla, Freegal and Zinio are, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, June 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

File Management

A beginner's guide to managing files and folders on your computer and other assorted Windows skills. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 15; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Downloading eBooks And Audiobooks

Participants will learn about the library's OverDrive media and Axis 360 services, which can be used to download eBooks, audiobooks and more. The instructor will do some how-to demonstrations. The participants will learn about the various kinds of eBooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one's computer or device. Preregistration required.

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Excel For Beginners

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Monday, June 29; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, July 7; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Facebook And Twitter For Beginners

Learn the very basics about these social networking websites, including an overview of what they consist of, how to create accounts, and how to keep yourself and your children safe in these online environments. Preregistration required.

Monday, July 27; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, August 1; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Become familiar with Internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about the LearningExpress Library service available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Thursday, August 6; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Pinterest 101

Come and learn about the popular website Pinterest. With Pinterest you can collect or "pin" images you love online. Learn how to create an account, collect and organize pins on boards, follow people and more! To create a Pinterest account, you must have an email address prior to class. Preregistration required.

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Monday, August 31; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Story Times

Mondays, June 1, 8, 29; July 6, 13, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Story Time

Families with children 2 to 5 years of age, enjoy stories, music, finger plays and crafts while kids learn and have fun along with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 30; July 7, 14, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

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Thursdays, June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; 2 p.m.

Babies And Books - Story Time For Babies

Stories, music and finger plays for babies from birth to 24 months along with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Saturdays, June 27; July 11; August 22; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Dad And Donuts Story Time

Dads, bring your little ones ages 2 to 5 for a Saturday morning story time. From tools to fire trucks and outer space, you'll love our themed books, songs, crafts and more. We'll provide the coffee, juice and donuts. Preregistration required.



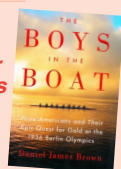
Book Discussions

Monday, June 22; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

The Boys In The Boat: Nine Americans And Their Epic Quest For Gold At The 1936 Berlin Olympics By Daniel James Brown

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.



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Adult Book Discussion

The Husband's Secret By Liane Moriarty

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Teen Book Discussion

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Tuesday, August 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Special Book Discussion

Go Set A Watchman By Harper Lee

Over fifty years after winning the Pulitzer Prize, *To Kill A Mockingbird* remains a beloved best-seller and quite possibly the most influential American novel of the 20th century. Come and join us to discuss the newly published work of Harper Lee, *Go Set A Watchman*. If you wish, also plan to come relax and enjoy a showing of the film adaptation of Lee's classic novel on Aug. 25 at 5 p.m. Preregistration required.



Thursday, August 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion

Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.



Monday, August 24; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

The Autobiography Of Mrs. Tom Thumb By Melanie Benjamin

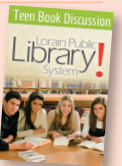
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Help kick off the adult Summer Reading Program. Dance the night away as a DJ plays your favorite oldies but goodies on the beach! All ages will enjoy the festivities taking place at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. in Lorain. Dip your toes in the water, or simply take in the view of the sun setting over the lake. If the weather ruins the fun, a rain date will be announced at a later time.

Monday, June 8 through Saturday, June 13; regular library hours

How Much Kryptonite?

Children participating in the Summer Reading Program, use your superpowers to guess the amount of kryptonite in our jar for a chance to win a surprise-filled gift bag.

Wednesday, June 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Exploring The Solar System

Join The Black River Astronomical Society in an exploration of the solar system. Get a new, out-of-this-world perspective and enjoy the wonders of the night sky! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Thursday, June 11; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Teen Video Game Night

Teens in sixth through 12th grades, come to the library and challenge your friends in the virtual world for an evening of air-conditioned fun! We will be playing some newer games along with a few classics. Come beat the heat! Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 13; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Super Summer Reading Sign Up Party

Stop by the library to sign up for the Summer Reading Program and become your own superhero using our super-duper props. Have your picture taken as a free souvenir of your 2015 Summer Reading experience because "Every Hero Has a Story!" Enjoy a superhero treat and help us decorate the library by making a special craft.

Monday, June 15; 6 p.m. Movie Classics Club

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Monday, June 22 through Saturday, June 27; regular library hours

Teen Superhero Scavenger Hunt

Teens in sixth through 12th grades, visit the library and engage your super spy senses in our superhero scavenger hunt. The winner will take home a "marvel"ous prize.

Monday, June 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Highway To The Engagement Zone! - Burning River Roller Derby

Patrons, learn about the wonderful world of women's roller derby by meeting members of Cleveland's own Burning River Roller Derby! These awesome roller derby ladies will teach you about the local history of roller derby in Cleveland, as well as some of the rules of the game. If interested, see if you have what it takes to become a part of this dynamite team! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, June 23; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Super Summer Movie - High-Flying Heroes

School-age children, join us for a movie about a plane and his friends training to fight forest fires. Enjoy light refreshments and a craft after the movie. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, June 24; 6:30 p.m.

Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen

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July

Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 31 Who's Your Hero Photo Contest Lorain Public Library System

Calling all photographers! Showcase your photography skills in our "Who's Your Hero" photo contest this July. Contest rules and an entry form are available online.

Wednesday, July 1; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Independence Day Craft

Feeling patriotic? Come to the library and create a festive craft for Independence Day! Bring your spirit and we will provide the crafty supplies to create something spectacular! Preregistration required.

Saturday, July 4 Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Independence Day.

Monday, July 6 through Saturday, July 11; regular library hours

Make A Superhero Finger Puppet

School-age children, continue enjoying the Summer Reading Program by visiting the library to make your own fun superhero finger puppet.

Monday, July 6; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Superhero Trivia Night

Comic book fans young and old, come to the library to flex your super brain on superheroes! We will divide into teams for a night of classic comic book trivia, and whichever team answers the most questions correctly will receive a marvelous prize! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 8; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Jawesome Movie Night

Adults and teens, come celebrate Shark Week with this notorious shark film. Although this fearsome great white shark lives in infamy as it terrorizes a New England seaside town, the real story behind this classic '70s film lies in conservation. Celebrate a sharktacular movie with light refreshments! Preregistration required.

Monday, July 13; 6 p.m.

Movie Classics Club

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Tuesday, July 14; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Super Summer Movie - High-Tech Heroes

Sometimes our greatest heroes don't wear capes or masks - they're our family members. School-age children, join us for a movie about a young boy, his brother and his inflatable caretaker who together with friends fight crime. Enjoy light refreshments and a craft after the movie. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 15; 7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Batman - Defying Gravity

Batman is always leaping off buildings and landing safely on the ground. What is gravity? Why is it important? In this program from the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, children will take part in several fun and exciting experiments that show how awesome gravity can be! Preregistration required.

Thursday, July 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Make A Comic Night

Teens, are you the next web-slinging creator? Do you want to draw incredible pen illustrations? Then come to the library and show off your awesome skills! Preregistration required.

Saturday, July 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Teen Movie Matinee - Superheroes

Feeling heroic? Teens, stop by the library and cheer for your favorite superhero on the big screen! Light refreshments will be provided during the PG or PG-13 flick.

Monday, July 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Stuff It! - A Perspective On Taxidermy

If you have ever wondered about the process behind taxidermy or what kind of skill it takes to prepare an animal, visit the library for this informational program. Join our local taxidermist, Todd from Miller's Life Like Taxidermy, as he discusses the ins and outs of the process and debunks myths about the profession! Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

A Local Snapshot - Conversations With An Area Photographer

Patrons, have you been bitten by the "shutterbug?" Have you ever wondered how to pursue a career in photography? Then make a snap decision and come to the library! Join us as we welcome local sports and editorial photographer David Richard who will talk to us about various photography techniques, as well as how he has shaped his career. Do not let this event shutter by! Preregistration required.

Thursday, July 23; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Thursday, July 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Party In The Land Of Ooo - Teens!

What time is it? Explore a new world and make new friends at the library as we celebrate our favorite heroic duo from a popular animated television series! Come eat some lumpy treats and join the adventure! Preregistration required.

August

Monday, August 3 through Saturday, August 8; regular library hours

How Many Superpower Drops?

School-age children, guess the amount of special "superpower drops" in each of our containers for a chance to win a surprise-filled gift bag.

Monday, August 3; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Whatever Beans Necessary - A Local Coffee Tasting

Join the library in celebrating the process of drip coffee through a coffee tasting and demonstration! Learn about the process of making coffee beans into grounds, and enjoy delicious blends provided by Slow Train Coffee House & Music Cafe, a local spot in Oberlin. Don't fall behind on the daily grind - see you at the library! Preregistration required.

Thursday, August 6; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Summer Reading Finale

WHAM! Teens in sixth through 12th grades, celebrate your Summer Reading accomplishments! POW! Pay a final salute to your favorite superheroes! KABOOM! Play incredible games! VRONK! Enjoy a sensational treat! SPLAT! Win some awesome prizes! HOLY COW! Preregistration required.

Saturday, August 8; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Summer Reading Finale - Our Zoo To You

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade, celebrate your completion of the Summer Reading Program at this special event. Our Zoo to You will amaze you with many live animals and fascinating information about them. Join the fun during this interactive, hands-on experience!

Monday, August 10; 6 p.m.

Movie Classics Club

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Tuesday, August 11; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Super Summer Movie - Little Heroes

School-age children, join us for an animated classic from the late '90s about a brave ant and his traveling circus performer friends. Together they work to save the ant's colony from bullying grasshoppers. Enjoy light refreshments and a craft after the movie. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, August 12; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Reiki, Candles And Your Energy

Patrons, get in touch with your higher energy! Learn how to clear, cleanse, ground and protect using such tools as Reiki, candle energy and the power of your own intention. Hurry and secure your spot in this informative yet fun program today! Preregistration required.

Thursday, August 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Whose Line Is It Anyway? - Teen Edition

Feeling spontaneous? Teens in sixth through 12th grades, come show off your quick wit and acting chops at the library when we get crazy with improv. Preregistration required.

Monday, August 17; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Amazing Mod Podge® Craft

Adults and teens, come enjoy the air conditioning at the library and celebrate the wonderful world of comics through this exciting craft! Together we will create collages on a variety of different surfaces using your favorite superheroes. Come create a bracelet or even a great frame. You do not want to miss this neighborly library craft! Preregistration required.

August Cont.

Wednesday, August 19; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Demystifying Massage - Part I

Come to the library for Part I of this fun and informative series! Learn about the ancient practice of massage therapy in three class sessions. In class one, use your best trivia skills to dispel the common myths and misconceptions of massage. Join us in welcoming Lisa Mikulan, a licensed massage therapist who has worked with various practices and techniques since 2007. Preregistration required.

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Computer Programs

Tuesday, June 2; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 4; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tech Help

Patrons, do you have an electronic device that is causing you trouble? Are you unsure of how to operate your tablet, or have you run into an issue that you're not sure how to solve? Never fear! Come to the library with your mobile device and work with our staff who will help you troubleshoot and understand your device! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, June 30; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 2; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Come to the library and learn how to create and operate a basic email account. Learn the mechanics behind composing and deleting emails, as well as what the difference between cc and bc mean! Patrons should have a working knowledge of basic computer and mouse skills before coming to this class. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, August 4; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Facebook

Wednesday, August 5; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- Pinterest

The Art Of eMedia

With the rapid changes in technology, it can be hard to keep up with the latest ways of staying in touch through social media. Come to the library to explore the social media sites of Facebook and Pinterest. In this two-part series, Facebook will be covered on Aug. 4 and Pinterest will be covered on Aug. 5. Learn how to set up accounts, as well as some of the basics. Remember to pin the dates to your calendar! Preregistration required.

Story Times

Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; July 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Summertime, Superheroes, Everyday Heroes, Zoo & Farm Animals

Story time for children 18 months through 4 years old. Children will have fun with stories, music, puppets, finger plays and crafts while developing important early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to participate. Preregistration required.

Summer Reading Program

June 8 - August 8

Participants, **birth through 12th grade**, will earn a free book for every four hours of reading. Win up to five books this summer! Beginning Monday, June 8, stop by the library to pick up a reading record with instructions, or print one from online at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Summer-Reading-Program.

Book prizes available while supplies last.

Adults are encouraged to get in on the action too with a unique Summer Reading Program just for them! Contact the library for details.

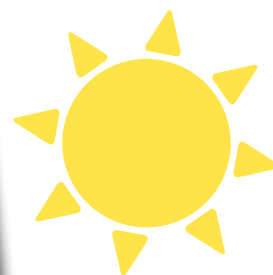


Superhero Academy Book Club

Mondays, June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27; 1 p.m.

Superhero Academy Book Club

Kindergartners through fifth-graders, join us for a special series of programs all about heroes - super, local and personal. And because "Every Hero Has a Story," we'll tell some of them each week during the summer, and have other activities and crafts. Add a page to your very own superhero book at every session and receive a diploma at the end of the program. Preregistration required.

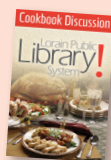


Book Discussions

Tuesday, June 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion

Adults, if you are a foodie and love to read, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.



Monday, July 27; 7 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a hip, upbeat, thought-provoking discussion of titles suggested by the group and Domonkas Branch staff. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!



Monday, June 29; 7 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

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Tuesday, August 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion

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Tuesday, July 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion

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Monday, August 31; 7 p.m.

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* Closed Sundays from May through September
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June

Monday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 30 Summer Poetry Contest Lorain Public Library System

Third through 12th-graders, submit an original poem between June 1 and June 30 for a chance to win a poetry journal and other prizes. Be creative! Further instructions and the entry form are available online.

Saturday, June 6; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Browser's® Buddies

Browser's® Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, June 6; noon - 3 p.m.
Summer Reading Program Kickoff
Beach Party - Every Hero Has A Story
Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain**
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Adult Summer Reading Program Kickoff
- Beach Party
Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain**
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**Monday, June 8 through Saturday, August 8
Adult Summer Reading Program**
The adult Summer Reading Program runs from June 8 through Aug. 8 for ages 18 and older. Each time you read a book, drop off an entry form at the library during regular library hours for a chance to win the prize of your choice. Prizes are donated by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. and will be on display in the library's center display case all summer.

**Tuesday, June 9; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Superhero Training Academy**
Calling all superhero fans! Help us kick off our "Every Hero Has A Story" Summer Reading Program with a bang! Brush up on your superhero skills and get ready for a supersized summer. Channel your inner superhero as you tackle our fantastic feats, marvelous challenges and troublesome foes. Intended for children ages 2 and up accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Thursday, June 11; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Day**
Do you love to build with LEGO®s? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, June 16; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Superhero Science - Hovercrafts**
Attention all aspiring mad scientists, get ready for a high-flying time! In this hands-on experiment, first through fifth-graders will use ordinary household products to investigate the properties of flight. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, June 16; 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Tween And Teen Superhero
Duck Tape® Fun**
No superhero is complete without some awesome embellishment! Fifth-graders and up, join us as we create some marvelous accessories that even superheroes would envy. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, June 17; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Awesome Superhero Origami**
Superhero fans, come put your agility to the test. Second through sixth-graders, put your nimble fingers to work as you intricately fold paper to make some awesome superhero creations. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, June 20; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tee Off With Dad And Me**
Tee off with us this Father's Day weekend as we transform the North Ridgeville Branch Library into a miniature golf course! Drop in anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. for your chance to putt a round. Intended for ages 2 and up.

**Tuesday, June 23; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Superheroes Are We - My Teddy And Me**
It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's super teddy! Join us for a "beary" special afternoon of superhero fun! Together with our teddies, we'll train to be superhero duos. Since no crime fighting team is complete without matching capes, we'll design some! Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

**Friday, June 26; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Station**
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

**Saturday, June 27; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Minecraft Party**
Don't be a creeper, come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that's sweeping the world. Kindergartners through fifth-graders, come and enjoy an afternoon of Minecraft-themed fun and games. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, June 30; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bam! Pow! Bang! -
Super Villain Challenge**
Superheroes unite! Devious villains have taken over the library, and we need your help to take it back. Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m. for your chance to defeat those villainous foes and help save the day. A new game will run every 15 minutes. Intended for ages 2 and up.

July

**Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 31
Who's Your Hero Photo Contest
Lorain Public Library System**
Calling all photographers! Showcase your photography skills in our "Who's Your Hero" photo contest this July. Contest rules and an entry form are available online.

**Saturday, July 4
Lorain Public Library System Closed**
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Independence Day.

**Monday, July 6; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The Friends Of The North Ridgeville
Branch Library, Inc.
General Membership Meeting**
General membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members are welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale, the Corn Festival booth and various fundraisers.

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**Tuesday, July 7; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
American Girl Super Tea Party**
Courageous? Check. Inspiring? Check. Feisty and adventurous? Check, check! Who said American Girls couldn't be superheroes? We certainly think these plucky girls make marvelous superheroes! Enjoy tea, juice and a light snack as we explore these super girls' amazing stories. No tea party is complete without marvelous crafts and games. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, July 8; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Superhero Science - 3-D Vision**
Kindergartners through fifth-graders, you'll be astounded at how easy it is to create your very own three-dimensional comic strip. No fancy drawing techniques required. Preregistration required.

**Friday, July 10; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Station**
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

**Tuesday, July 14; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Superman - Forces Of Flight**
Superman needs a few things to help him in flight - four to be exact! In this program from the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, children will learn about the four forces of flight and will construct their own paper airplane, paper copter or kite. Then they can test their creations in a wind tunnel! Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, July 14; 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Tween & Teen Superhero
Key Chain Charms**
Fifth-graders and up, you'll be astonished at how easy it is to make your own superhero key chain or necklace out of shrink film. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, July 15; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bam! Pow! Wow! -
Superhero Sidekick Camp**
Our favorite superheroes have contacted the library to ask that we help train future superheroes. First through sixth-graders accompanied by a responsible adult are invited to train to become a spectacular superhero sidekick. Come for a supersized evening of power practice as we learn how to protect mankind against evil forces. Come prepared to test your super strength, super speed and super sleuth skills. We'll even take a trip into the sky. Preregistration required.

**Friday, July 17; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Game On - Video Gaming Fun**
Fourth-graders and up, drop by between 2 and 4 p.m. to test out the library's new video game equipment.

**Saturday, July 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Superhero Science -
Astonishing Bouncy Balls**
Attention all aspiring mad scientists, get ready for some fizzy, oozy and gooey fun! First through fifth-graders will use ordinary household ingredients to investigate the properties of polymers and make their very own bouncy ball. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, July 22; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Whodunit Mystery Party -
Superhero Style**
A (fake) crime has been committed at the library! In order to save the day, second through sixth-graders are invited to don their superhero capes and test their super senses as they attempt to uncover the villain mastermind. Preregistration required.

**Thursday, July 23; 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Preview open to Friends
Friday, July 24; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Open to public
Saturday, July 25; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Open to public
Book Sale & Preview**
Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Book sale open to the public Friday and Saturday. Large assortment of books, movies and puzzles for all ages. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

**Friday, July 24; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Station**
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

**Tuesday, July 28; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Library Wipeout**
Ready for a wipeout? Come try your skills in our very own wacky obstacle course. Children ages 6 and up accompanied by a responsible adult are invited to gather at the grassy lawn along the side of the building to run, jump and roll their way at the fastest time! Rain date will be Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015.

**Wednesday, July 29; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Simple Gifts Folk Music Program**
Two women plus 12 instruments equals one good time when Simple Gifts takes the stage. Drawing on an impressive variety of ethnic folk styles, this award-winning duo plays everything from lively Irish jigs and down-home American reels to haunting Gypsy melodies. Based in the hills of Pennsylvania, these two women play an amazing array of instruments and add their warm personalities and humor to the performance. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc., this program is rescheduled from a snow blizzard Sunday in February. Come at a special time to hear this professional performance.

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LEGO® Fun Day**
Do you love to build with LEGO®s? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

**Friday, July 31; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Super Tower Challenge**
First through fifth-graders, we need your help to build a watchtower for our superheroes. You'll have to test the scope of your creativity and collaboration skills as you assemble a freestanding structure. Preregistration required.

August

**Saturday, August 1; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser's® Buddies**
Browser's® Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Preregistration required.

**Tuesday, August 4; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, August 4; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Jungle Bob's Amazing Animal Show -
Summer Reading Program Finale**
Did you know that animals have "super" abilities too? Join Jungle Bob for a thrilling time as we learn about the marvelous talents of his many exotic animals. The whole family will have a blast as we conclude our Summer Reading Program. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Wednesday, August 5; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Ice Cream And Mayhem For Teens**
Sixth through 12th-graders, help the library celebrate the end of summer by making your own ice cream sundae. Try your luck at musical chairs of mayhem and other games of chance. Compete for bragging rights or a ridiculous prize perhaps! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

**Friday, August 7; 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Saturday, August 8; 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sunday, August 9; noon - 6 p.m.
Corn Festival Activities**
Visit the Corn Festival booth located in the library driveway entrance sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Stop by for free giveaways and a mini book sale.



Computer Programs

Tuesday, June 16; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Summer Computer Fun - Websites For Booklovers

Come cool down and learn about Goodreads, Shelfari and other websites that allow you to connect with other booklovers, find out about new books and authors, organize your reading life and find other ways to enhance your love for the written word. Preregistration required.

Thursday, June 25; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows 7 operating system works. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, July 14; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Summer Computer Fun - Recipes For Summer Entertaining

Come cool down and learn about the best websites for grilling, summer cocktails, and easy-to-make side dishes and desserts that will have your guests asking for more. Make the most of northeast Ohio's short outdoor party season by navigating websites for celebrity chefs, culinary magazines, cookbook publishers and more. Preregistration required.

Thursday, July 23; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Facebook And Twitter For Beginners

Learn the very basics about these popular social networking websites, including an overview of what they consist of, how to create accounts, and how to keep yourself and your children safe in these online environments. Preregistration required.

Monday, August 3; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Learn Internet basics, online search tools and pointers for evaluating Web content. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, August 18; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

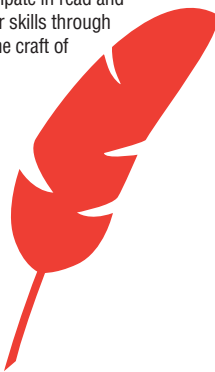
Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Writers Group

Saturdays, June 13, 27; July 11, 25; August 8, 22; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

North Ridgeville Writers

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.



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Book prizes available while supplies last.

Adults are encouraged to get in on the action too with a unique Summer Reading Program just for them! Contact the library for details.

Story Times

Mondays, June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Thursdays, June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Sittin' And Scootin' - Story Time For Babies

Stories, music and finger plays ideally for babies from birth to 17 months old along with their caregivers. Babies between the ages of 18 months and 23 months may also attend with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Thursdays, June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Tune Stompin' Twos - Story Time For 2-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wigglin' And Waddlin' - Story Time For Babies

A noisy, interactive story program recommended for active babies from 18 months to 23 months old together with their caregivers. Active babies between the ages of 12 months and 17 months may also attend along with their caregivers. Babies and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, finger plays and nursery rhymes. Preregistration required.

Mondays, June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20; 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Prime Time Preschool Story Time

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3 to 5-year-olds. Make us a part of your Monday night bedtime routine. Children may come dressed in their pajamas ready to enjoy a bedtime story. Children may go into the story room alone or with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Thrilling Threes - Story Time For 3-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Thursdays, June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23; 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Fabulous Fours And Fives - Story Time For 4 And 5-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 4 and 5-year-olds. Preregistration required.

Thursdays, June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Thursdays, June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Rhythm And Rhyme Family Story Time

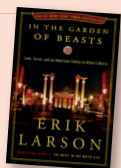
A toe-tappin' story time for families with children ages 2 to 6 years old. Families not signed up for other story time sessions are welcome to join us for stories with a beat, exciting tunes and jazzy crafts. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Wednesday, June 10; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion In The Garden Of Beasts By Erik Larson

Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome.



Wednesday, July 8; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion The Entertainer: Movies, Magic, And My Father's Twentieth Century By Margaret Talbot

Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome.



Wednesday, August 12; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion The Light Between Oceans By M.L. Stedman

Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome.



Wednesday, June 17; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion The Litigators By John Grisham

Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome.



Wednesday, July 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children By Ransom Riggs

Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome.



Wednesday, August 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion The Fifth Vial By Michael Palmer

Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New adult members are welcome.



Tuesday, June 23; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Afternoon Book Discussion Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the fourth Tuesday afternoon each month. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk.



Tuesday, July 28; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Afternoon Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the fourth Tuesday afternoon each month. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk.



Tuesday, August 25; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
* Closed Sundays from May through September
Hours subject to change

August

Tuesday, August 4; 6 p.m.

Room Decoration - Let's Do Color

Redecorating a room this fall? Find out everything that you will need to make your room sizzle. Let an expert from The Home Depot answer all of your questions about priming, acquiring the must-have tools, choosing the right sheen, calculating how much paint is needed and selecting paint colors that work. Preregistration required.

Thursday, August 6; 6 p.m.

Super Teen Craft Night

Teens are invited to join us for an evening of Hama beads and superheroes. Make your own beaded hero! Preregistration required.

Monday, August 10; 6 p.m.

Emotional Freedom Techniques For Beginners - Relief Is Just A Tap Away

Anxiety, irritability, sadness, overeating, pain and chronic fatigue can be your body saying there is too much stress in your life. Tapping is done on the main energy paths on the body and has been so successful that it is used worldwide by psychologists and counselors, yet is simple enough for everyone to use. Tapping helps take you out of the fight-or-flight mode, reduces stress and enables the creative problem solving part of the brain to activate. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, August 25; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friends Of The Lorain Public Library, Inc. Board Meeting

South Lorain Branch

All current members are welcome to attend.



June

Monday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 30

Summer Poetry Contest

Lorain Public Library System
Third through 12th-graders, submit an original poem between June 1 and June 30 for a chance to win a poetry journal and other prizes. Be creative! Further instructions and the entry form are available online.

Saturday, June 6; noon - 3 p.m.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Beach Party - Every Hero Has A Story

Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
What's your superpower? Cosponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Lorain County Metro Parks, the beach party launches the library's "Every Hero Has a Story" Summer Reading Program and the metro parks' Lakeview Park beach season. Fun for the whole family will include crafts, games and face painting as we help everyone see the amazing hero in themselves! Join some of your favorite characters for an interactive Junior Superhero Academy presented by Spectacular Party Entertainment LLC. Wear your favorite hero costume and bring your camera for special photo opportunities.

Saturday, June 6; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Summer Reading Program Kickoff - Beach Party

Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
Help kick off the adult Summer Reading Program. Dance the night away as a DJ plays your favorite oldies but goodies on the beach! All ages will enjoy the festivities taking place at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. in Lorain. Dip your toes in the water, or simply take in the view of the sun setting over the lake. If the weather ruins the fun, a rain date will be announced at a later time.

Tuesday, June 9; 6 p.m.

Bird-Watching Basics With An Emphasis On Hummingbirds

Are you interested in birding, trying to attract hummingbirds, or attempting to identify a particular bird? Debbie Mohr of the Black River Audubon Society will give expert advice on attracting, watching, feeding and identifying local birds. Preregistration required.

Thursday, June 11; 6 p.m.

Super Teen Craft Night

Teens are invited to make a super bookmark craft to celebrate Summer Reading. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 15; 6 p.m.

Jungle Bob's Amazing Animal Show

Join us for a wild evening of animals and fun with animal entertainer and educator Jungle Bob Tuma. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 22; 6 p.m.

Be A Reading Hero - Magic Show

Are you a reading hero? Join us for an evening of magic and more with magician extraordinaire Bob Durante. Preregistration required.

Monday, June 29; 5:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night

Families of all ages and sizes are invited to join us to watch a movie at the library. Snacks and bottled beverages are permitted. Preregistration required.

July

Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 31

Who's Your Hero Photo Contest

Lorain Public Library System
Calling all photographers! Showcase your photography skills in our "Who's Your Hero" photo contest this July. Contest rules and an entry form are available online.

Saturday, July 4

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Independence Day.

Tuesday, July 7; 6 p.m.

A Practice In Mindful Meditation

Dr. Dennis Schmidt of the Beatitude Ladder will teach an introductory session of mindful meditation. Meditation builds a life habit that brings peace and oneness with all. The Beatitude Ladder is open to all and is not affiliated with any specific church or denomination. Preregistration required.

Thursday, July 9; 6 p.m.

Super Teen Craft Night

Does your refrigerator or locker need a hero to rescue it from boredom? Join us in making a set of truly super magnets! Preregistration required.

Monday, July 13; 6 p.m.

Heroes Need Cool Stuff

Every superhero needs cool gear. Come make your own special mask and bracers! This program is for children ages 3 through 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 15; 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Batman - Defying Gravity

Batman is always leaping off buildings and landing safely on the ground. What is gravity? Why is it important? In this program from the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, children will take part in several fun and exciting experiments that show how awesome gravity can be! Preregistration required.

Monday, July 20; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time - LEGO® Fest

Families of all ages and sizes, join us for an evening of LEGO®-building fun! Preregistration required.

Monday, July 27; 6 p.m.

The Wonderful World Of Bubbles

The Bubble Lady is back! Join us as Sue Durante shows you bubbles beyond your imagination. She might even put you in a bubble! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 29; 6 p.m.

Lorain's Rhythmic Beat - Drum And Percussion Circle

Bring your own drum or percussion instrument and join members of the Oberlin Drum Circle for an impromptu outdoor jam session. Spectators need only a fun-loving spirit. Preregistration required.



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Computer Programs

Saturday, June 6; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

Get started here with the basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and an introduction to the Windows operating system. This class includes an opportunity to receive a Certificate of Completion mouse skills certificate. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 13; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Become familiar with Internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about the LearningExpress Library service available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, June 27; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, July 18; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, July 24; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Saturday, July 25; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PowerPoint For Beginners

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, August 1; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Friday, August 14; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, August 29; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tech Help

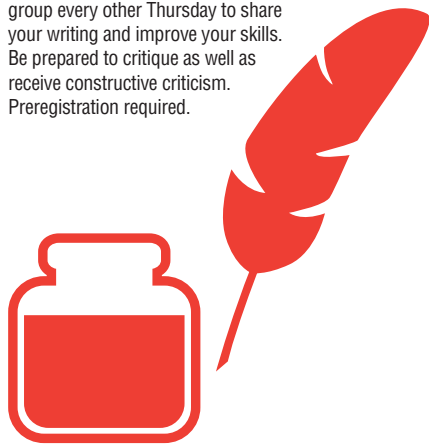
Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Writers Group

Thursdays, June 4, 18; July 2, 16, 30;
August 13, 27; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

South Lorain Writers Group

Enjoy writing? Join our fiction writing group every other Thursday to share your writing and improve your skills. Be prepared to critique as well as receive constructive criticism. Preregistration required.



Exercise Programs

Tuesdays, June 2, 16, 30; July 14, 28;
August 11; 6 p.m.

Zumba

Adults, get the workout of your life while dancing to merengue, salsa and other hot Latin beats.

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8;
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Basic Yoga

Join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Preregistration required.

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26;
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 6 p.m.

Tai Chi For Beginners

Adults of all fitness levels are invited to attend our beginners Tai Chi classes presented by Michael Stadul, retired instructor from Cuyahoga Community College. Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Preregistration required.



Book Discussions

Tuesday, June 16; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Finding Me: A Decade Of Darkness, A Life Reclaimed: A Memoir Of The Cleveland Kidnappings

By Michelle Knight

Finding Me reveals the heartbreaking details of Michelle Knight's story, including the thoughts and prayers that helped her find the courage to endure her unimaginable circumstances and now build a life worth living. Copies of the book are available at the library.



Tuesday, July 21; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion The Short And Tragic Life Of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark For The Ivy League

By Jeff Hobbs

A heartfelt and riveting biography of the short life of a talented young African-American man who escapes the slums of Newark for Yale University only to succumb to the dangers of the streets, and of one's own nature, when he returns home. Copies of the book are available at the library.



Thursday, July 23; 6 p.m.

Book Discussion Adults Read Comics Too!

Comics aren't just for kids. Adults, join us for an epic read and discussion of Neil Gaiman's *The Sandman* series. Books will be available for pickup at the circulation desk. Preregistration required.



Tuesday, August 18; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion All The Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

The story of a blind French girl, her father and a young Nazi soldier during the World War II German occupation of France. Ten years in the writing, *All the Light We Cannot See* is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (Los Angeles Times). Copies of the book are available at the library.



Story Times

Monday, June 8; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time

Families of all ages and sizes, join us for an evening of stories, games and supersized fun! Preregistration required.

Monday, July 6; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Batman Scavenger Hunt

Families of all ages and sizes, join us for an evening of stories and a Batman-themed scavenger hunt! Preregistration required.

Monday, August 3; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Make Like A Hero

Can you run like the Flash? Throw a lasso like Wonder Woman? Families of all ages and sizes, join us for an evening of super activities. Preregistration required.



Summer Reading for the Whole Family

Why It's Important for Everyone to Participate

While most of the research regarding summertime academic skills loss has been done on elementary students, it has become increasingly clear that to gain the most benefits from library visits, the whole family needs to be involved.

There are many programs at the library for adults. Events are designed so adults can explore hobbies and interests, both with and without children. The best way to foster young readers is by becoming a family of readers, and what better place to do that than at the library?

Many of the teens at the Lorain Public Library System volunteer at the annual Summer Reading Program kickoff event. Some teens participate in Book Buddies, a program that teaches them how to read with young children to strengthen these early readers' skills. Those who become fans of the library as teenagers tend to continue benefiting from the library for years to come.



Reading to Learn

Until about the third grade, kids are learning to read. After that, they are reading to learn. This fact becomes critical in middle and high school. This is when students learn to take information from sources and use it in research papers and essays on literature. So, how does summer reading for teens improve writing skills?

Reading to Improve Writing Skills

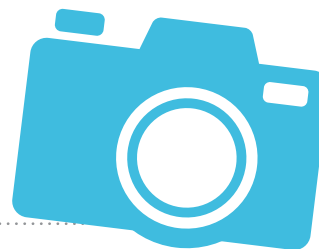
As students read for pleasure, they become exposed to many different styles of writing and new vocabulary, all of which can help in writing. Listening to an audiobook can help readers that get stuck on words they don't know. By listening to a complete sentence or paragraph, they move on to characters and plot instead of stopping at every vocabulary challenge. Understanding character motivations is a crucial skill in writing essays about literature.

Elaine Betting, youth services librarian supervisor at the Lorain Public Library System, wrote the Combating the "Summer Slide" and Summer Reading for the Whole Family articles.



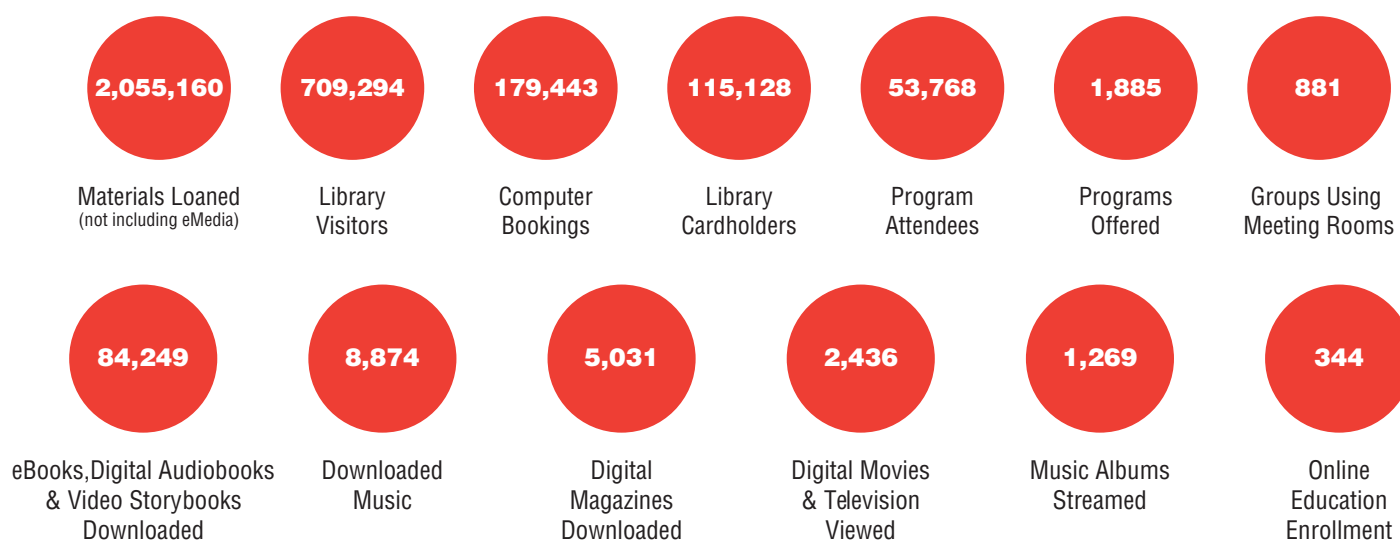
Thank You for an Amazing Year!

Lorain Public Library System's 2014 annual report is now available online!



Below is a mere snapshot of the Lorain Public Library System in 2014. Our complete annual report is now online. It features financial information as well as reports from each individual library, including quotes and pictures. Check out the wonderful things your local library accomplished!

2014 System Statistics



View the complete annual report online at LorainPublicLibrary.org/annual-reports/2014.
Find eLibrary services at LorainPublicLibrary.org/eLibrary

Lorain Public Library System Locations/Hours

Main Library

351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ
M,Tu,W,Th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Drive, Avon, OH 44011
440-934-4743
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Columbia Branch

13824 W. River Road North
Columbia Station, OH 44028
440-236-8751
M,W,Th Noon-8 p.m.; Tu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
F Noon-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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4125 E. Lake Road
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054
440-949-7410
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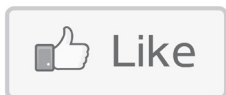
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