

Avon Library

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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.; Sun Closed

Hours subject to change

Please note preregistration is required for all programs except where noted. Visit the online calendar for the most current information | www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events.

Monday, January 1; 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY

Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Thursday, January 4; 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Friends of the Avon Library Meeting

Come to the Friends of the Avon Library meeting and find out what we're all about. We are always on the lookout for new members to help support our mission.

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

Manage Photos from Cloud

Learn how to upload photos and videos to the cloud from your computer, and how to transfer pictures and videos from your cell phone or tablet.

Saturdays, January 6; February 24; March 17; 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Musical Toolbox

Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun, engaging music program is conducted by a board certified music therapist from Music Therapy Enrichment Center.

Saturday, January 6; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Busy Town

Drive around Richard Scarry's Busy Town and meet new friends! Children ages 18 months to 6 years can stop at the grocery store, car wash, construction site and more. Bring your favorite toy car or truck and play.

Monday, January 8; March 3; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.;

Saturday, March 3; 2:30 p.m.-4:40 p.m.

Introduction to Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders and navigate Windows 10.

Wednesdays, January 10; February 7; March 14;

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Teen Anime Night

Come join us for our anime night! Talk with your peers about some of your favorites, chill out and enjoy some anime related activities. Light refreshments will be served. G-rated cosplay is encouraged. Perfect for those in grades 6 to 12.

Thursday, January 11; 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Art Play Date: Sparkle Snow

Toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents will have fun and learn while exploring sensory art materials and listening to a story related to the art project. We recommend bringing a smock or wearing "messy" clothing.

Thursday, January 11; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Escape from the Library!

Join us for an adult only escape room challenge! Bring your friends and race against time to "escape" the library as a team.

Saturday-Wednesday, January 13-17; Library Hours

Friends Book Sale on Wheels

Stop in and catch some super deals as the Friends of the Avon Library wheel out carts of books, DVDs and more for sale during regular library hours. There will be different items daily!

Saturday, January 13; 11 a.m.-noon

Hydroponic Gardening at Home

The Avon Garden Club will teach you how to grow fresh greens and herbs all winter at home! Learn the basics of hydroponic gardening, supply and equipment options, and how to make low cost potting systems.

Saturday, January 13; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Teen STEAM: CD Case Maze

Tweens and teens are invited to participate in an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activity. Create a CD case maze using empty CD cases and wax sticks. Perfect for grades 5 to 12.

Mondays, January 15; March 12; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Excel for Beginners

Learn 2007 Microsoft Excel basics, how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas and choose layout and print format options. Hands on practice time will be available for participants comfortable using a mouse.

Tuesday, January 16; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Eeeek! A Spider! Trap Challenge

Challenge your STEM skills in this family friendly engineering competition for school age children and their families. Build a trap using simple machines to catch a (fake) spider. Winners enter a drawing to receive a grand prize!

Wednesdays, January 17; February 21; March 21; 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Coding Club

Students, grades 3 and up, will explore and learn computer programming in a fun, collaborative environment. A limited number of laptops are available or bring your own. Staff and volunteers will be on hand for assistance.

Wednesdays, January 17; 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Wednesday, February 21; 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Books and Brews- The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson- Avon Brewing Company

Wednesday, March 21; 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley by Hannah Tinti

Books and Brews at Avon Brewing Company

Looking for something fun to do in the middle of the week? Try kicking back with a book and a pint at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road, Avon! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us for a book discussion. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Book copies are available at the library.

Thursday, January 18; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Investing 101

Gain the knowledge you need to begin investing on your own. Learn basic investments of stocks, bonds, CDs and annuities, as well as core investing principles of risk versus return and diversification. Identify your unique investor personality by examining your financial situation and goals.

Friday, January 19; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Teen Escape Room Challenge

If you were locked in a room, could you plan the ultimate escape? Join us after hours to test your strategy skills in a game of Escape Room. Perfect for ages 12 through 18.

Saturdays, January 20; February 3; March 3;

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Adapted Story Time

This program of stories, songs, games and social time geared toward children with varying learning styles and abilities, specifically designed for children who may not be successful in a typical story time experience. Content is geared for ages 3 through 7.

Saturday, January 20; 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Kids Drive-In Movie

Make and decorate our own personal vehicles and then kick back and enjoy popcorn while watching a popular family movie. One lucky winner will take home the movie. Perfect for school age children.

Monday, January 22; 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Certified yoga therapist Lyndsey Needham will demonstrate proper alignment techniques and breath work that will help improve your strength and flexibility while releasing stress and tension with the use of a chair. This program is for adults at all mobility levels.

Tuesdays, January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 27;

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Preschoolers ages 3 through 5 years, with or without their caregivers, are invited to join us for songs, rhymes, stories and activities – including arts and crafts – designed to build early literacy skills.

Tuesdays, January 23; 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 27;

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.;

Thursdays, January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 29;

6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Music Makers

Families with children of all ages are invited to join us for stories with a beat, toe-tapping tunes, instruments and dancing.

Tuesday, January 23; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion- Open Read

Read a book of your choice and come participate in an open discussion. Please bring a copy of your book to show the group. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, January 23; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Wonders of Weather

Find out from CBS TV meteorologist, Jon Loufman, why wind blows, how a storm forms or why the seasons change. This hands on, interactive presentation is for families with children of all ages.

Wednesdays, January 24; February 28; March 28; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Writers Group

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers to hone your writing skills and get motivation to pick up a pen? If so, our writing group will build writing and critiquing skills.

Thursdays, January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 29;

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Story Time

Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your baby, 6 through 23 months old. We will encourage early literacy development and parent/child interaction through stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and more. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Thursdays, January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 29;

11:30 a.m.-noon

Toddler Tales Story Time

Join us for an interactive story time of songs, rhymes and finger plays for children, ages 2 through 3. Your child will learn important early literacy skills to help them grow into pre-readers while having fun. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Thursdays, January 25; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.;

February 22; March 22;

7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Builders Club

Ages 6 and up can use your imaginations to build with LEGO® blocks. (Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join with a parent.) Creations will be displayed in the library.

Fridays, January 26; March 23; 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Painting with a Plot

Come to the library for inspiration to make an original artwork. Create a painting based on a poem or short story read by our staff. You are welcome to bring your own art supplies or use what we have, including basic acrylic paints, paintbrushes and canvas paper.



Saturday, January 27; noon-4 p.m.

Techie Workshop- Programming

Use Scratch, developed by the MIT Media Lab, to learn the concepts of computer programming. Create your own interactive art, stories and games. Presented by TECH CORPS. For students in 3rd to 6th grade.

Saturday, January 27; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies- Avon Place

Grandmas, grandpas, a good book and some homemade cookies—what more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Place, 32900 Detroit Road, Avon, for this cozy heartwarming reading experience for young and old.

Monday, January 29; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Football Reading Buddies

Early readers can read to one of their favorite Avon High School football stars and have a fun time playing football related literacy games and activities.

Tuesday, January 30; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night:

Tall Towers Mini Challenges

This family friendly engineering competition challenges the STEM skills of school age children and their families as they complete three mini challenges to build the tallest towers. Winners of the challenges will be entered into a drawing to receive a grand prize!

Wednesday, January 31; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Pig-A-Palooza

Join us at the library for an evening filled with stories, games, crafts and piggy surprises. Perfect for children ages 3 and up.

Friday, February 2, 9; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Beginning Knitting

Learn to knit starting from the very basics. In this two part series for beginning knitters ages 10 through adult. Bring a pair of size 7 knitting needles.

Friday, February 2, 9; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Story Time for You and Me- Rose Senior Living

Come join us at Rose Senior Living, 33200 Health Campus Blvd. in Avon, for an afternoon of stories, music, finger plays and crafts. We will be joined by Rose Senior Living residents and children from Primrose School. Perfect for children ages 3 through 6.

Saturday, February 3; 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 26; 6 p.m.-8 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.

Monday, February 5; 6 p.m.-8 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.

Tuesday, February 6; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease

The Alzheimer's Association provides basic information about memory loss issues.

Saturday, February 10; 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

I Love Candy!- A Candy Land® Party

Families of all ages are invited to drop by and play a giant version of Candy Land®, win candy prizes and make crafts. A perfect party for a sweet tooth!

Monday, February 12; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

eMedia

Learn to use eLibrary services to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks, music and more. Also, learn how to stream free movies and television shows to your computer or TV. Plus, learn how to take online courses for free using Gale and Lynda courses. Bring any questions and your devices.

Tuesday, February 13; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Escape Room

Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School age children and their families complete a series of challenges in a race against time and "escape" the library as a team.

Wednesday, February 14; 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Valentine's Day Family Story Time

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library! Join us for Valentine's Day themed stories, finger plays, songs and crafts. Perfect for children ages 2 through 5.

Friday, February 16; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Teen Cosmic Mini Golf

Tweens and teens-join us after hours for a round of cosmic, glow in the dark mini golf. Perfect for ages 12 through 18.

Saturday, February 17; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Angelina Ballerina's Tutu Tea Party

Preschool and school age children, put on your tutus and join us for a magical afternoon! Snack on scrumptious desserts, make a ballerina wand, and learn a few simple dance steps for an afternoon of fun.

Mondays, February 19; March 19; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Intermediate Excel

Learn to summarize data using the LOOKUP function, how to create charts for different categories of data, modify data in a chart, format charts and give charts a professional look.

Saturday, February 24; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Teen STEAM: Gumdrop Structure Challenge

Tweens and teens are invited to participate in an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activity. This month we will be using gumdrops and toothpicks to build structures which can hold the weight of a book. Perfect for grades 5 to 12.

Monday, February 26; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History

Local author Marty Gitlin ranks the greatest cartoon characters of all time in his latest book A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History. Gitlin will show cartoon snippets and talk about the wackiest and most legendary cartoon characters ever. He will also explain the criteria he used to rank the best of the best, including Bugs Bunny, Homer Simpson and SpongeBob SquarePants. This program is for adults and teens.

Tuesday, February 27; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion- When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

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

Tuesday, February 27; 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Essential Oils

Katie Vasko, an essential oil enthusiast and educator, will provide education about essential oils and their possible uses such as promoting sleep and immunity. Attendees will place oils with a carrier oil in a bottle with a roller ball for easy essential oil application.

Wednesday, February 28; 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Vegan Recipe Swap

You have a great vegan recipe that you would like to share? Are you looking for new vegan recipe ideas? Come to our recipe swap! Come prepared to discuss a favorite vegan recipe and bring copies of the recipe to distribute. Feel free to bring a sample for tasting, though this is not required. This program is for adults.

Thursday, March 1

Friends of the Avon Library

Adult Art Show

The Friends of the Avon Library are holding their annual art show featuring works by local adult artists. The art will be on display March 1 through March 31 during regular library hours. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the library on March 5 at 7 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Seuss-A-Palooza at the Library

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." —Dr. Seuss. Steer yourself to the library during regular hours to help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. There will be crafts and activities to stop in and do. Be sure to stop in—we'd love to have you!

Friday, March 2; 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Dr. Seuss Story Time

Join us at the library for a story time filled with Dr. Seuss books, finger plays, and songs. Perfect for families with children ages 3 through 5.

Monday, March 5; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friends of the Avon Library Adult

Art Show Reception

You are cordially invited to a reception for the March art show featuring local adult artists. Artists, patrons and friends are all welcome. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. No registration required.

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

Coding with Scratch

Kids in third through sixth grade and a parent can have fun learning basic coding skills as a creative team. We will use MIT's Scratch website to learn basic building blocks for computer design and get you started making interactive stories, games and animations. Parent does not need to register, just attend with your child.

Wednesday, March 7; 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Careers in Computer Science

Parents and students-come learn about the growing field of computer science and its various careers. Our speaker, Scott Seighman, will share insights into the skills, descriptions, and outlook for jobs in computer science.

Thursday, March 8; 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Book Sale and Preview

The book sale preview will run from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the preview sale is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. The sale will open to the public from 6 to 8 p.m., immediately following the preview. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens. No registration required.

Friday, March 9; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;

Saturday, March 10; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Book Sale

Book sale is open to the public. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. No registration required.

Thursday, March 15; 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Art Play Date: Squishy Sparkle Bags

Toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents, join us for an art play date at the library! Kids will have fun and learn while exploring sensory art materials. We will read a story related to the art project. Bringing a smock or wearing "messy" clothing is recommended.

Tuesday, March 20; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Grossology Lab

Study the science of gross things and become a grossologist! School age children don't miss out on fun STEM experiments that explore the grossness of the human body.

Saturday, March 24; 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Teen STEAM: Maker Movies

Tweens and teens are invited to participate in an engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activity. This month we will make our own stop motion animation movies using iPads, green screens, and other props. Perfect for grades 5 to 12.

Monday, March 26; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Dementia Care Training

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association is for both family and professional caregivers. This program provides an overview of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900.

Wednesday, March 28; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies- Avon Oaks

What more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Oaks, 37800 French Creek Road in Avon, for this cozy afternoon program.

