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; 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; noon-4 p.m.**
Knitting Club
Are you a knitter or crocheter? Join us every Thursday anytime during this session.

**Saturday, January 6; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 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.

**Monday, January 8, February 5, March 5; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.**
Decorate Your Door- Adult Craft
Adults, come craft with us and create a new seasonally themed door hanging each month. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

**Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**
Preschool Story Time
Enjoy stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 6, with their caregivers.

**Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 11 a.m.-11:15 a.m.**
Toddler Story Time
A story time for beginning walkers to 3-year-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes.

**Tuesday, January 9; February 6; March 6; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**
Teen Talks
Join other teens to discuss a wide range of topics relevant to teens, from social issues to health to entertainment. Build your communication skills in a safe environment and make new friends in the process!

**Tuesday, January 9; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**
Dinner and a Book Discussion-
The Turner House by Angela Flournoy
Spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends at our book group where dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

**Thursday, January 11; February 8, March 8; 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**
Columbia Writers
Have you ever wanted 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.

**Saturday, January 13; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
Excel for Beginners
Learn the basics of 2007 Microsoft Excel including how to set up a spreadsheet workbook, input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas and choose layout and print format options. Limited hands on practice time is available. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.

**Tuesday, January 16; 2 p.m.**
Cutting the Cord- Alternatives to Cable
Tired of paying the ever increasing prices for cable TV? Want to learn about available alternatives? Join us for a discussion of ways to break free from cable and stream TV shows, movies, music and more. Discover ways to save money without sacrificing great entertainment.

**Wednesday, January 17; February 21; March 14; 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.**
After School Specials
Teens, coming to the library after school? Then stop in and enjoy a movie or TV show. Snacks will be provided.

**Thursday, January 18; 6 p.m.**
Working Through Fibromyalgia
Brain fog, insomnia, aches and pains are just some of the issues that accompany fibromyalgia. Join Terri Kistler, LMT, as she shares tricks of the trade to help make your issues more tolerable.

**Fridays, January 19, February 16; March 16; 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.**
Coloring for Grown Ups
Experience the calming, stress relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee, tea and light dessert will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older.

**Saturday, January 20; 11 a.m.-noon**
A told B and B told C We are Having an Alphabet Party
P is for “party,” F is for “fun!” Preschoolers age 2 to 5 will have an awesome time playing with the alphabet at the library.

**Monday, January 22; 1 p.m.**
Adult Book Discussion-
God Help the Child by Toni Morrison
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

**Monday, January 22; 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, as well as copy and paste techniques. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.

**Tuesday, January 23; 6:30 p.m.**
Rock ‘N’ Roll History: An Introduction to Progressive Rock and Other Rock Stars of the 1970s
This program will begin with an historical perspective of the early 1970s, followed by definitions and discussion of the geographic origin of Progressive Rock. Characteristics, lyrical thematic-social commentary and album covers exhibiting spectacular art renditions will be introduced. Learn about Progressive Rock and other artists of the 70s by listening to their recordings.

**Thursday, January 30; 6 p.m.**
Meteorology with TV Meteorologist Jon Loufman
Have you ever wondered why the wind blows, how a storm forms or why the seasons change? Well, now you can find out from CBS TV meteorologist Jon Loufman in this fun, hands on, interactive, sky high presentation for the whole family. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

**Wednesday, January 31; February 28; March 28; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**
Pizza and Pages
A book group for teens, with a pizza perfect twist. Copies of the book are available at the library. Pizza is provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

**Saturday, February 3; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
PowerPoint for Beginners
Learn to create dynamic presentations of slides that include charts, clip art, graphics, animation and transition effects and to polish your presentations with ease. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.
Saturday, February 3; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Winter Escape Room
Put your puzzle solving and code breaking skills to the test as you try to crack the unsolvable and mysterious lockbox. Scenarios and puzzles will be presented and groups will be challenged to solve the puzzles within set time limits. Can you solve the puzzle fast enough?

Tuesday, February 6; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Dinner and a Book Discussion-
Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan Philipp Sendker
Spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends, at our book group where dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Saturday, February 10; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Intermediate Excel
Learn to summarize data using the LOOKUP function and how to give your charts that professional look by creating categories, modifying data and formatting. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse. Prerequisite for this class: Introduction to Excel or equivalent knowledge.

Wednesday, February 14; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Stupid Cupid- An Anti-Valentine’s Day Party
Love stinks and cupid is stupid so come and wallow with your friends at the library. We’ll play fun games, do simple crafts and have light snacks. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Saturday, February 17; 11 a.m.-noon
Zoom! Boom! Crash! Hot Wheels Free Play
Have fun playing with our Hot Wheels cars at the library.

Tuesday, February 20; 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Internet Safety and Security
Do you want to use the internet, but are frightened by the potential safety risks and security threats? Then come to this informative class to learn the basics of internet safety and security.

Thursday, February 22; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Cookbook Discussion- Near and Far: Recipes Inspired by Home and Travel by Heidi Swanson
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.

Saturday, February 24; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 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.

Monday, February 26; 1 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion- Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

Wednesday, February 28; 6 p.m.
Blogging Basics
Learn the basics of blogging and how to get started. We’ll cover setting up your blog, basic writing tips, choosing a topic and more.

Saturday, March 3; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 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.

Tuesday, March 6; 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Dinner and a Book Discussion- Before the Fall by Noah Hawley
Spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends, at our book group where dinner is on us! Copies of the selection are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Saturday, March 10; 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.

Tuesday, March 13; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Spring Card Making for Grown Ups
Nothing says you care more than a personally handcrafted card. Come join us as we complete three different and unique cards with a spring flavor that you’ll take home mail ready. Supplies provided. All skill levels welcome.

Wednesday, March 14; 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
After School Specials
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Thursday, March 15; 6 p.m.
Beware the Ides of March- Murder Mystery Dinner
Join us for a fun evening of mystery and intrigue at the library as we solve a mystery together. Dinner provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Saturday, March 17; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
St. Patrick’s Day Family Fun Open House
Everything’s green at the library on St. Patrick’s Day! Join us for games, crafts, snacks and a leaping leprechaun good time. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Monday, March 19; 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer’s Disease
This program, presented by the Alzheimer’s Association, is designed to provide you with the basic information that everyone needs to know about memory loss issues and what they mean for all of us.

Tuesday, March 20; 2 p.m.
Facebook 101
This program will teach the basics and help you get started with your Facebook page, including uploading pictures and videos, online etiquette, posting statuses, privacy settings and more.

Wednesday, March 21; 2:30 p.m.
Teen Tasting Challenge
Join our tasting challenge to test your ability to identify different foods in blind taste challenges. Perfect for grades 6 through 12. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Thursday, March 22; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Cookbook Discussion- The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook by Deb Perelman
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.

Saturday, March 24; 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, stream free movies and TV shows and how to take online Gale and Lynda courses. Bring any questions and your devices.

Monday, March 26; 1 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion- Rules of Civility by Amor Towles
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, March 27; 6 p.m.
Using OneDrive
Learn about the different uses for your OneDrive account from file sharing to backing up files.