There’s no place like the library this winter! Your guide of fun things to do inside!
Our year is off to a great start. We hope yours will be, too.

If you want to meet new people and talk about books, you will find a range of book discussions hosted at our libraries; check out the special feature on page two.

Over the last year, library staff have been busy renovating and updating the Main Library. Main Library turned 60 in 2017 and we are pleased to reintroduce the public to an old friend with updated technology, meeting rooms, collaborative spaces and more places for youth and adults to enjoy the library.

Lastly, the start of a new year is a great time to get going on the resolutions you have made. Did you resolve to exercise more? Check out Zumba or yoga at our branches.

Did you resolve to learn more? With your library card you can use Lynda.com or take a course through the library, or... all for free.

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Book a Space

Looking for a place to host your next meeting? All of our branches have meeting room space available for public use. Please call your local branch for size, included amenities and availability. LPLS reserves the right to take photos of participants enrolled in programs or those attending an LPLS event. These photos are to be used strictly by LPLS for the purpose of advertising in future brochures, fliers, our website and via social media. Organizations, including media entities, must have permission from LPLS prior to taking photographs.

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Take a class online....

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Loch said often times read-alouds are focused towards younger children but there is a significant body of research saying reading aloud to older children is also beneficial.

“Of the biggest reasons for this is that a student’s decoding ability—that is, their ability to actually read words on paper—is usually lower than their receptive language and vocabulary skills,” she said. “So, the average teacher doesn’t have the ability to decode for themselves the stories that actually interest them. Reading aloud to them helps them to stick with building their reading skill, reassuring them that the good stuff is coming.”

Loch said something that sets this program apart is that there is also a separate session during the day for children that are homeschooled and since the “Redwall” book series spends a lot of time talking about food, kids can come in and eat foods from the book while listening to the story.

Another book discussion that takes a crack at cooking is the monthly Cookbook Club at the Domonkas Branch, run by branch manager Madison Walling. Walling said the group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month and discusses the book and recipes that were tried.

"Most members bring a dish they prepared from the cookbook but that is not necessary," she said. "You do have to come prepared, however, to taste the items that others made. No one knows who anyone will bring, and it is lots of fun, especially when two people bring the same recipe—this rarely happens—and they both taste different," she said.

"The discussions about the recipes, the changes that the chef made and sometimes the terrible failures all add to a lively time."

The Columbia Branch also has a similar book club that takes place at 6 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month.

There’s also an opportunity for adults 21 and over to get their beer on while discussing various stories at the Avon Branch’s Books and Brews program, held at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 and March 27, at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road.

The Main Library also has a Books and Brews group that meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Speak of the Devil, 201 W. Fifth St., Lorain.

Avon Branch librarian Erika Bobka said this book club doesn’t require pre-registration ahead of time—just drop by the branch, pick up the book and show up to order some amazing food and drinks along with a great discussion.

“Books and Brews is very informal and laid back, and we sometimes read books that are a little edgier than a lot of book groups typically read,” she said. “Also, because it takes place in a restaurant/bar, it is definitely a lot louder than your average book discussion, so be prepared to yell or talk loudly.”

Bobka said she loves hearing what other people have to say about the books and leading the monthly discussion group is one of her favorite parts about the job.

Columbia Branch library associate Maggie Shullick echoed this, saying even if someone is in her Evening Book Discussion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, absolutely hates the book it’s interesting to hear the reasons as to why they disliked it.

“When I was little I would make my mom and grandmother read whatever I was reading just so I could talk about it with them,” she said. “Throughout my life I’ve loved hearing other people’s interpretations, experiences and impressions of the same book.”

The Change of Pace Book Discussion, which takes place on the third Tuesday of the month at the South Lorain Branch, offers the opportunity to get outside of their comfort zone by reading and discussing something they wouldn’t normally pick out for themselves.

While the books chosen aren’t necessarily controversial or difficult, they all ask their readers to broaden their horizons somewhere and look at things from a different perspective,” branch manager Sam Lewis said.

For a full list of book clubs and discussions happening throughout Janu- ary, February and March, visit LPLS’s website at lorainpubliclibrary.org or events through the program guides on the following pages. a
Adult

Lorain Public Library System Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Line Dancing

Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27
6 to 7 p.m.

Line dancing to R & B and Soul Music, taught by Evelyn Henry, is a casual experience at the Main Library. Come learn this new skill or practice what you already know and make new friends at the same time.

Yoga for Beginners

Fridays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Adults, join the weekly Friday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel.

Zumba®

Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25;
March 4, 11, 18, 25
6 to 7 p.m.

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.

Sewing Club

Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26;
March 5, 12, 19, 26
5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Learn hand sewing and sewing machine skills. A few sewing machines will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own portable machine. Bring your questions and sewing project ideas. Beginners and those with some background in sewing are welcome.

Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, Jan. 9; Feb. 12; March 13
1 to 3 p.m.

The Genealogy Club will learn research techniques and explore resources. Members will be encouraged to share their research successes and offer advice to others who are stuck. New and experienced genealogists are welcome.

Books and Brews

Speak of the Devil

Wednesday, Jan. 9
6:30 to 8 p.m.

“The Maltese Falcon” by Dashiell Hammett

“The Devil located at 201 W. Fifth St., Lorain.

Job Help Mondays

Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25;
March 4, 11, 18, 25
10 a.m. to Noon

Are you seeking help in looking for a job? Come to one of the library’s free drop-in sessions. Learn how to compose, create and assemble your own resume, set up your own email account, attach your resume in an email to a job website, save your resume online, apply for a job online and set up your own account with online job websites.

Internet for Beginners

Saturday, Jan. 12
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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 services available through the library’s website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 15
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else.

Selma: How One Dream Changed the World

Monday, Jan. 21
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join us for a showing of Selma, the critically acclaimed film directed by Ava DuVernay, that documents the civil rights movement and the actions of Martin Luther King Jr. All those ages 13 and up are welcome to attend.

Lorain Historical Society International City Project Oral History Initiative

Wednesday, Jan. 24
6:30 to 8 p.m.

LHS is collecting oral histories about the cultural traditions and experiences of the people who live in Lorain. Participants will sit for a 30 to 45 minute interview with LHS staff at the Lorain Library. Please register in advance with LHS Project Coordinator, Ellileen Zudell - 440-245-2563.

Books and Brews

No Sign of Four” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Thursday, Feb. 21
6 to 7 p.m.

“No Sign of Four” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Introduction To Social Media

Friday, Feb. 7
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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.

Email for Beginners

Saturday, Feb. 23
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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.

Underground Railroad - Lorain County Connection

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Join us in celebrating Black History Month as Valerie Smith presents a program about Lorain County’s connection to the Underground Railroad, which helped enslaved people find freedom.

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Tuesday, March 12
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Tech Help

Friday, March 15
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else.

No Sew Sweater Skirt

Wednesday, March 20
6 to 7 p.m.

Join us in upcycling old sweaters into skirts. No sewing necessary.

Introduction to Social Media

Friday, March 29
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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.
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Tuesday, Jan. 1

STEAM Club
Wednesdays, Jan. 3, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27
4 to 5 p.m.
Get ready for all things STEAM! We’ll provide the materials and you provide the creativity as we explore science, technology, engineering, and mechanics. All skill levels welcome. Intended for children ages ten and up.

Family Story Time
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 18, 25
Intended for children ages ten and up.

Food and Fun
Focus on strengthening color knowledge and fine motor skills. For ages 4 and 5 with a caregiver.

Kindergarten Readiness - Colors
11 a.m. to Noon
Friday, March 22
Help your preschooler get ready for school by exploring hands-on activity stations together and learn while you play.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Tuesday, March 26
6:30 to 7 p.m.
Did you ever wonder what your stuffed animals do at night? Bring your favorite stuffed animal to a library Sleeper! Begin the night with a bedtime story and activity, and then kiss your animal good night so they can begin their sleepover. Don’t forget to wear your pajamas! Find out what the stuffed animals did when you pick them up the following day. Pickup begins Wednesday after 2 p.m. For children of all ages.

Baby – Toddler Story Time
11 a.m. to Noon
Tuesday, March 26
Find out what the stuffed animals did when you pick them up the following day. Pickup begins Wednesday after 2 p.m. For children of all ages.

Open Play Time For Children and Teens
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 28
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Registration opens Jan. 24
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 28
Registration opens Feb. 28

Family
Lorain Public Library System Closed
Tuesday, Jan. 1

Knights of the Square
Table Chess Club
Saturday, Jan. 5, 9, 16, 23, 30
2 to 5 p.m.
Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions.

Cocoa and a Craft: Sock Snowman
Tuesday, Feb. 19
5 to 7 p.m.
Join us for cocoa and a craft as you make winter themed projects to take home. All ages are welcome, though all children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Fourth of July in February
Wednesday, Feb. 20
6 to 7 p.m.
Warm up from the winter season with Fourth of July in February featuring fun crafts and activities!

Anime and Manga Club
Mondays, Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; March 11, 25
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Join us as we read a few chapters from each week from the first book in Brian Jacques’ acclaimed Redwall Series; “Lord Brocktree.” There will be discussion and themed snacks! For those ages 9 and up.

Redwall Read Aloud for Teens and Tweens - Schoolhouse Edition
Wednesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25
5 to 7 p.m.
Join us as we read a few chapters from each week from the first book in Brian Jacques’ acclaimed Redwall Series; “Lord Brocktree.” There will be discussion and themed snacks! For those ages 9 and up.

Redwall Read Aloud for Teens and Tweens
Mondays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25
4 to 5:30 p.m.
Join us as we read a few chapters from each week from the first book in Brian Jacques’ acclaimed Redwall Series; “Lord Brocktree.” There will be discussion and themed snacks! For those ages 9 and up.

Do you love Yu-Gi-Oh! and want to learn how to play? Join Ernie Hernandez, duelist and organizer, for open play time. He will share his knowledge of the Yu-Gi-Oh! trading card game. Open play time for ages 8 to 18. Advanced Format Konami rules. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum.

Yu-Gi-Oh!

Preregistration is required for these programs. Call or register online at https://www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events to reserve your spot.
Adult
Tech Help Appointments
Wednesday, Jan. 2
Need help setting up an email account or learning basic computer skills? Want to learn how to use our eLibrary of downloadable movies, books, music and audio books? Call (440) 934-4743 during regular library hours to schedule a one-on-one Tech Help session with library staff.

Friends of the Avon Library Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 3
7 to 8:15 p.m.
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.

Backyard Birding 101
Tuesday, Jan. 8
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of attracting and identifying birds in your own backyard with Debbie Mohr of the Black River Audubon Society.

Writers Group
Wednesdays, Jan. 16; Feb. 20; March 20
7 to 8 p.m.
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. Participant in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn about the craft of writing in general.

PowerPoint for Beginners
Monday, Jan. 21
6 to 8 p.m.
Create dynamic presentations for any audience. Learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects.

Adult Book Discussion - Open Read
Tuesday, Jan. 22
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
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 always welcome.

Books and Brews - Avon Brewing Company
Wednesdays, Jan. 23; Open Read Feb. 27; “Bowing Mortar” by Atul Gawande; March 27; “The Sell Out” by Paul Beatty
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Looking for something fun to do in the middle of the week? Try kicking back with a book and a pint! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us for a book discussion at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road in Avon. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Read a book of your choice and come participate in an open discussion. Please bring a copy of your book to show the group.

Start Talking! Rx Opioid Abuse
Monday, Feb. 25
7 to 8 p.m.
One person dies every 19 minutes from drug overdose in the United States and this increasing trend is driven by prescription painkillers. Learn how to safeguard your home from the overuse of prescription medicine. Presented by a Cleveland Clinic Caregiver. Recommended for adults only.

Senior Movie Matinee
Fridays, Jan. 25; Feb. 22; March 29
Visit the library for a free matinee! T his program is for adults.

Terry Pluto Talks Cleveland Sports
Tuesday, Jan. 29
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Join Terry Pluto, author and sports columnist for the Plain Dealer, for an evening discussion of the good, the bad and the ugly of Cleveland sports. Terry Pluto is a nationally acclaimed author of 23 books, as well as an award-winning sports columnist who has won the Ohio Sports Writer nine times.

Avon Oral Histories
Wednesday, Jan. 30
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Presented by local historian and master storyteller Dennis R. Suttiffe.

Vegan Recipe Swap
Wednesday, Feb. 20
6 to 6:30 p.m.
Do you have a great vegan recipe that you would like to share? Are you looking for new vegan recipes to try? Come to our recipe swap! Prepare 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.

Adult Book Discussion
Tuesday, Feb. 26
“The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood”
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29
“Little Women by Celeste Ng”
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

Grow Your Side Hustle
Wednesday, Feb. 27
6 to 8 p.m.
Thinking about starting a business? Learn tips and tricks on how to grow your side hustle. Whether you want to have a part time business or grow one to replace your full time job, this workshop will assist you with the tools to get started today. Presented by the Lorain County Community College Small Business Center.

Project DAWN Training
Thursday, Feb. 28
7 p.m.
Project DAWN is a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Participants will receive training on recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose and administering intranasal Naloxone. Training and kits provided free. Presented by Lorain County Public Health. Funded by Ohio Department of Health.

Friends of the Avon Library Adult Art Show
Friday, March 1
The Friends of the Avon Library are holding their annual art show featuring works by local artists. The art will be on display March 1 through March 30 during library hours. A reception for artists, patrons and friends will be held at the library on March 4 at 7 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion
Tuesday, March 5
“The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood”
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26
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2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

Grow Your Side Hustle
Wednesday, March 6
6 to 8 p.m.
Thinking about starting a business? Learn tips and tricks on how to grow your side hustle. Whether you want to have a part time business or grow one to replace your full time job, this workshop will assist you with the tools to get started today. Presented by the Lorain County Community College Small Business Center.

The 1920 Cleveland Indians
Wednesday, March 6
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
In 1920, the age of the crack power, the New York Yankees have just signed Babe Ruth. The Cleveland Indians have set their sights on the World Series title, but to get there they will need to overcome an unspeakable tragedy. Presented by local historian and master storyteller Dennis R. Suttiffe.

Book Sale and Preview
Thursday, March 7
5 to 8 p.m.
The book sale preview will run from 5 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.

Book Sale
Friday, March 8 • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 9 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The 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.

Excel for Beginners
Tuesday, March 26
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Using Microsoft Excel 2016, the instructor will demonstrate creating spreadsheets, data input, simple formulas and layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice simple formulas and layout and print format options will be available.

Friends of the Avon Library Adult Art Show Reception
Monday, March 4
7 to 8 p.m.
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.
Children

Tech Club
Tuesdays, Jan. 15; Feb. 12; March 12
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Explore Programming, robots, and electronics in a fun, collaborative environment! Designed for children ages 9 and up.

Builders Club
Thursdays, Jan. 24; Feb. 21; March 21
6 to 7 p.m.
Use your imagination and Lego® blocks, build a creation which will be displayed in the library. Intended for families with children ages five and up.

Art Play Date
Saturdays, Jan. 5; Feb. 2; March 2
11 to 11:45 a.m.
Join us for a monthly creative story time that includes an engaging story, interactive songs, and an art project geared towards toddlers and preschoolers. Dress for a mess.

Math and Science Story Time
Mondays, Jan. 7; Feb. 4; March 11
6 to 6:30 p.m.
Preschool-age children will explore concepts related to science, technology, engineering, and math through stories, songs, and experiments.

Adapted Story Time
Saturdays, Jan. 12; Feb. 23; March 23
10:30 to 11 a.m.
Children with varying learning styles and abilities enjoy a program with stories, songs, games, and a social time. Learn in a safe, supportive environment, which is specifically designed for children who may not be successful in a typical story time experience. While content is geared for ages 3–11, all ages are welcome. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend.

Badger Explorers: Robots
Saturday, Jan. 12
2 to 3 p.m.
Come join us for an hour of hands-on activities that help meet scouting award requirements. Intended for scout troops, but all children in grades two through five are welcome.

Family Pajama Story Time
Mondays, Jan. 14; Feb. 18; March 18
6 to 6:30 p.m.
Put on your pajamas and join us once a month at the library for a fun and relaxed family story time. Intended for families with children of all ages.

Music Makers
Thursdays, Jan. 24; Feb. 7, 14, 21; March 7, 14, 21
6 to 7 p.m.
A music story time for families with children of all ages. Join us for stories with a beat, toe-tapping tunes, instruments, and dancing.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Story Time
Thursdays, Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21; March 7, 14, 21
10:30 to 11 a.m.
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.

Toddlers Tales Story Time
Thursdays, Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21
11:30 to Noon
Join us for an interactive story time for children ages 2 and 3 years old, that will engage your child with stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays. Your child will learn important early literacy skills that will help them grow into pre-readers all while having fun. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Preschoolers Story Time
Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30 to 7 p.m.
Music Makers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class.

Football Reading Buddies
Monday, Jan. 28
6 to 6:30 p.m.
A musical story time for families of all ages. Join us for stories with a beat, toe-tapping tunes, instruments and dancing.

Cursive Valentines for Kids
Saturday, Feb. 9
2 to 3 p.m.
Interested in learning cursive? Come to the library to learn cursive handwriting and then make a special valentine. Intended for children in second grade and up.

Teen DIY: Musical Instrument
Tuesday, March 5
2 to 3 p.m.
Ever wonder what’s inside the machines we use every day? Break our tools and take apart some old equipment without having to worry about putting it back together!

Family Paint Night: St. Mary of the Woods
Saturday, Jan. 19
2 to 3 p.m.
Escape from the cold and visit our indoor island in the sun for tropical themed activities, games, and fun! For families with children of all ages!

Library Luau
Saturday, Jan. 19
2 to 3 p.m.
Join us for a heartwarming afternoon filled with reading, activities, and cookies.

Library Luau: Senior Reading Buddies – St. Mary of the Woods
Saturday, Jan. 19
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Local seniors and children are invited to join us at St. Mary of the Woods Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, 3755 Detroit Rd in Avon, for a heartwarming afternoon filled with reading, activities, and cookies.

Family Yoga
Thursday, March 28
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Family yoga classes are a great way for parents and children to share a healthy activity, bring a little peace into their busy schedules and simply enjoy time together! Activities include age appropriate poses, breathing exercises, relaxation and games. For families with children of all ages.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Place
Saturday, Feb. 9
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Place, 32000 Detroit Rd in Avon, for a heartwarming afternoon filled with reading, activities, and cookies.

Family Family Pop Art: Jim Dine Hearts
Monday, Feb. 11
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Create a heart painting on canvas in the style of American Pop Artist, Jim Dine. For all ages. Bring the whole family! Dress for a mess.

West Africa Drum & Dance
Saturday, Feb. 23
2 to 3 p.m.
Come enjoy an engaging afternoon with drummer Sogbety Dimoalone. This interactive performance will introduce you to West African rhythms, songs, and dance. Perfect for families with children of all ages.

Outback Ray’s Amazing Animal Show
Thursday, March 14
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Join us for a visit with Outback Ray and his amazing exotic animals. Be ready for an interactive, educational and exciting experience! Perfect for families with children of all ages.

Family Family Paint Night: Decoupage Birds
Monday, March 25
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Using decoupage and paint, create a colorful bird on canvas in the style of the artist, Pete Cromer. For all ages. Bring the whole family! Dress for a mess.

Senior Reading Buddies – St. Mary of the Woods
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Teen DIY: Musical Instrument
Saturday, March 3
2 to 3 p.m.
Piano and guitar are expensive. You can do better! Construct and decorate your own thumb piano to take home and play. Perfect for ages 11 to 18.

Teen Anime Night
Wednesday, Feb. 13
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
If you love anime, 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 six through 12.

Sewing Basics
Saturday, Feb. 2
1 to 3 p.m.
Unear the mysteries of sewing on a button, hemming your pants and more at this practical introduction to sewing class. See how a sewing machine works and easy things you can use it for besides sewing clothes. Get hands-on needle and thread sewing practice that results in a cute take home craft. Ideal for teens and adults.

Tech Teardrop
Tuesday, March 5
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Ever wondered what’s inside the machines we use every day? Break our tools and take apart some old equipment without having to worry about putting it back together!
Visit the online calendar for the most current information www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events.

Adult

Booking it for Fitness Walking Club

Mondays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 11 a.m.
Looking to get a little bit of exercise and make new friends? Join the library’s walking club. This group meets weekly at the library and makes use of the beautiful adjacent walking trail in the Columbia Township Park. Meet in the library’s meeting room and grab a water bottle, which will be provided for your walk. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Southwest General Health Center

Health Topics • Heart Health Month

Tuesday, Feb. 12 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
February is Heart Health Month. Know your numbers! Southwest General Health Center’s Community Outreach nurse will be here to conduct blood pressure and glucose screenings.

The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 19 6 p.m.
New members and guests are welcome to attend and discover how they can become an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.

Excel for Beginners

Saturday, Feb. 23 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2016 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.

Project DAWN Training

Wednesday, Feb. 27 6-30 p.m.
Project DAWN is a community-based overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Participants will receive training on recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose and administering intranasal Naloxone. Training and kits provided free. Presented by Lorain County Public Health. Funded by Ohio Department of Health.

Tech Help

Saturday, Feb. 2 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Thursday, March 7 6 p.m.
Join us for a fun evening of mystery and intrigue at the library as we solve a mystery together. Attendees have a chance to play key roles. Dinner provided. This program is cosponsored by the Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Southwest General Health Center

Health Topics • Vision Screening & Colon Cancer Awareness

Monday, March 12 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Do you see what I see? Southwest General Health Center’s Community Outreach nurse will be coming to the library to offer vision screening and will have information available about colon cancer and cancer screening. The nurse will have additional information for the services that are available in our area.

Word For Beginners

Saturday, March 16 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
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.

PowerPoint for Beginners

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Trivia Time at the Library

Monday, Jan. 7 7:10 a.m to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 8 10 a.m to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 9 11 a.m to 2 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10 Noon to 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 11 Noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 12 10 a.m to 2 p.m.
Stop by the library and take a quiz to see what kind of movie buff you really are!

Crafty Adults @ the Library

Monday, Jan. 7 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Are you a crafter, or would you like to be one? Join us at the library monthly to try new craft projects and make new friends. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library Inc.

Introduction to Windows 10

Saturday, Jan. 19 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Learn to use Microsoft’s newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10.

Cookbook Discussion

Thursdays, Jan. 24 6 to 7 p.m.
Southern Living’s Soups, Stews, and Chills - Comfort food in a bowl by the editors of Southern Living
Feb. 28 America’s Test Kitchen’s Bread Illustrated - A step-by-step guide to achieving bakery quality results at home by America’s test kitchen
March 28 Best Side Dishes Ever - Foolproof recipes for greens, potatoes, beans, rice and more by Monica Sweeney

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Wednesday, January 16 6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.
DIY Solar Air Heater
Learn how to make a solar air heater out of aluminum cans with a demonstration on how it comes together. Preregistration Required.

Book Talk Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 5 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Copies of the book are available at the library.

Evening Book Discussion

Tuesday, Jan. 22 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Do you hear what I hear? Southwest General Health Center’s Community Outreach nurse will be coming to the library monthly with a new program. Come this month for a hearing screening and get a sneak peek at the programs that are on the horizon. The nurse will have additional information for the services that are available in our area.

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Children

Happy Birthday A.A. Milne! Friday, Jan. 18 2 p.m.
Celebrate A.A. Milne’s birthday with popcorn and a movie about his son, Christopher Robin and his beloved friends.

Great Lakes Theater Presents: “Treasure Island” Saturday, Feb. 16 10 a.m. to Noon
Fans of theater and pirate lovers of all ages, come to the library as they welcome Great Lakes Theater as they perform Treasure Island as they perform Treasure Island! Enjoy the swashbuckling adventure of Jim Hawkins as he searches the seas for Captain Flint’s treasure. Full of action, music, and slapstick moments, Treasure Island is a play for the whole family! Be sure to meet and greet the cast after the production!

Escape Room Wednesday, Feb. 13 4 to 5 p.m.
Teens, the library Escape Room is back! 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?

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Family

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Celebrate A.A. Milne’s birthday with popcorn and a movie about his son, Christopher Robin and his beloved friends.

Movie & Block Party Friday, Feb. 8 3:30 p.m.
LEGO’s® and a movie in the library! Enjoy a free build while watching a favorite LEGO® movie.

Scary Stories Saturday, Feb. 9 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Join us for an hour of bone-chilling short stories for children.

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Join us for popcorn and a SUPER flick.

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Teen

Teen Crafternoon Tuesday, Jan. 15; Feb. 19; March 19 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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. This program is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

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Cookbook Book Club

Tuesday, Jan. 8; Feb. 5; March 5 6:30 p.m.

If you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Review this month’s cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. We will discuss the book, share kitchen experiences and a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome.

Guided Meditation

Tuesday, Jan. 1 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adults, unwind from the daily grind and come to the library to learn guided meditation from instructor Deb Suarez. Learn relaxing techniques and come out refreshed and rejuvenated in preparation for the holiday season.

An Evening of Service

Wednesday, Jan. 16 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Come to the library and help celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by joining in a night of community service. Learn how to knit or crochet, and then work with others on projects that will be donated to a local charity. Knitting and crochet supplies will be provided, but you are allowed to bring your own as well. Invest in the beloved communities of Dr. King’s dream, and celebrate with service today.

Adult Book Discussion

Monday, Jan. 28; Feb. 25; March 7 6 to 8 p.m.

Adults, enjoy an upbeat and 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!

Domonkas Writing Group

The Lakeview Pen

Wednesday, Jan. 30; Feb. 20; March 27 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Would you like to try your hand at creative writing but need some inspiration? Come to the library for monthly meetings to sharpen your writing skills and share ideas with other novice writers. Bring drafts of your work and be prepared to critique as well as have others review your writing.

Folded Between Pages

Adult Valentine Craft

Monday, Feb. 4 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season of love at the library through this heartwarming book folding craft! Create a lovely heart shape through pages of romance novels, making a wonderful Valentine’s gift, or an adorable piece of decor! Be sure to register early, as this event will fill up quickly.

80’s Arcade Night

Monday, Feb. 18 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Put on your tube socks and your roller skates and come on down to the library for an old school arcade experience! Try and beat your friends high scores on all the best 80’s arcade games! Prizes and light refreshments will be provided.

Make Life Cozy with Hygge

Saturday, March 16 6 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to incorporate this concept into their lives, why they are considered the happiest people in the world, and how to make your life just a bit more hygge-like.

I Love Candy! A Chocolate Tasting

Wednesday, Feb. 13 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come to the library for an event that is sweet as our celebration of Valentine’s Day! Try a variety of cocoa confections, as we explore the history of all things Valentine! Then be prepared to create your own heartfelt Valentines for someone special in your life. Be sure to register early as this event will fill up quickly.

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Adult

A History of Medications

Monday, Jan. 7 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Medication has come a long way since its humble debut in 1898. Join the library in welcoming Tom Strong, local health educator as he guides us through medical history, discussing not only the evolution of medications, but also their impact in medical practice. Some materials will be available for everyone but please bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles. Join the fun!

A Month of Service

Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Thursday, Jan. 31 honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

All month the library will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through community service. We will provide open sessions of knitting and crochet, and then, at the end of the month the completed works will be donated to a local charity. Learn a new skill, meet new community members, and do something nice in honor of the holiday! Please call for further information.

Crochet and Knit

Fridays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 8, 15; March 8, 22 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Adults are invited to join this friendly community group to share your crochet and knitting tips and time and your expertise. Bring your own project or help with a community endeavor. Exchange of knitting and crochet knowledge is highly encouraged! Some materials will be available for everyone but please bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles. Join the fun!

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Picture Perfect Adult Spring Craft
Monday, March 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Come to the library and capture the ephemeral beauty of spring and upcoming holidays by drawing a permanent lens as we create faux stained glass! Bring your creativity, and come home with a lovely piece of blooming decor that will spruce up any home. Be sure to register early, as this craft will fill fast.

There's Something Strange in Ohio
Wednesday, March 20
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Come to the library to explore the strange and unusual side of Ohio. Together, we will explore tales of the mysterious, the odd, and see what historical facts are too strange to be false, and what is just an urban legend. Afterwards,粉丝 of state history can share tales of their own! Find out where the Lake Erie Monster resides, and if the Mansfield Reformatory is really haunted! Light refreshments will be served.

Health Fair
Saturday, March 23
1 to 4 p.m.
March into health. In collaboration with community health and wellness partners, we are offering a free health fair to foster a healthy lifestyle. This fun and educational event is open to everyone. Visit all the booths and be entered in a drawing to win a prize.

Board Game Night
Thursday, March 28
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Bring your friends and family for a fun evening playing popular and unique board games! A variety of board games will be provided but, participants are welcome to bring their favorites in to play as well! Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Family Friendly Puppet Show
Tuesday, Jan. 22
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Are you a fan of Sesame Street and The Muppets? Have you ever wanted to create your own puppet pal? This workshop-style program will provide children in grades K-4 with the materials to design and make a puppet as well as learning basic skills to bring their creation to life!

Whose Line is it Anyway?
Tuesday, Jan. 29; Feb. 19; Mar. 26; 6 to 2:30 p.m.
Do you have a passion for performing? Do you freeze up in front of the class? No matter what level of experience you have, this program is for you! Through fun and fast paced games and exercises, students aged 8-12 will develop creativity and spontaneity while also learning basic acting concepts such as stage presence, blocking, and character development. Come dressed to move ( loose comfortable pants and shirt/shoes that can be secured).

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Book Buddies
Adult Book Discussion
Wednesdays, Jan. 9; "The American Spirit: Who We are and What We Stand For" by David McCullough
Feb. 13; "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
March 13; "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann

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Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will present a fun, easy take-home craft using pages from old books.

Starting Rx Opioid Abuse
Thursday, Feb. 28
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
One person dies every 19 minutes from drug overdose in the United States and this increasing trend is driven by prescription painkillers. Learn how to safeguard your home through properly securing and disposing of medicine, recognizing the signs and symptoms of abuse, and knowing how to start talking about the risks of abusing prescription medications.

Little Learners
Fridays, Jan. 4; Feb. 1; March 1
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Three 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.

Brooke's Reading Buddies
Saturdays, Jan. 5; Feb. 2; March 25
10 to 11:30 a.m.
Brooke's Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth graders sit and read with a certified therapy dog volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8328 to register.

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Family

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Appreciation Celebration
Monday, Jan. 21
3 to 3:45 p.m.
Please join us at the library to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Families will learn about his vision and his significance in history. There will be stories, short videos, games and a craft. Open to all ages.

Book Sale Preview
Thursday, Jan. 24 • 5 to 8 p.m.
Admission to the 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
Friday, Jan. 25 • 10 to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26 • 10 to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27 • 1 to 4:30 p.m.
The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Black History Month Interactive Exhibit
Friday, Feb. 1
Stop by the library during all open hours to celebrate Black History Month. We will be highlighting prominent figures in Black History with giveaways, activities and crafts from February 1 through February 28. All ages welcome.

Teen

Spa Night for Tweens and Teens
Wednesday, Jan. 9
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
If school has you stressed and winter is getting you down, enjoy a break at the library with DIY bath items, nail polish, breathing exercises and yoga poses.

Love is All You Need
Wednesday, Feb. 6
A Valentine’s Party for Tweens and Teens
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
Tweens and teens enjoy a blind date with a book, delicious seasonal chocolates and Valentine’s Day crafts.

Tacos for Tween and Teens
Wednesday, March 6
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
“Taco-tastic!” a good time! Tweens and teens, make salsa and guacamole, feast on delicious tacos and enjoy games and a piñata during our fiesta.

Planning Your Spring Break?
Did you know you can apply for or renew your U.S. passport at the Avon or North Ridgeville branches? Call either branch for details. Bon Voyage!

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Tuesday, March 12
6 p.m.
Join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. All materials will be provided and you will be able to take your finished product home to display.

Change Of Pace Book Club
Calypso by David Sedaris
Tuesday, March 19
6:30 p.m.
With Calypso, Sedaris sets his formidable powers of observation toward middle age and mortality. Make no mistake: these stories are very, very funny, it’s a book that can make you laugh ‘til you snot, the way only family can. Read the book and join our discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.

The Story Of Steel And The City Of Lorain
Tuesday, March 26
6 p.m.
The Johnson Steel Street Rail Company, led by Tom L. Johnson and Arthur J. Mosham, founded the first Lorain steel mill in the late 1860s, eventually becoming one of the largest mills in the world and employing thousands of workers. Our discussion will include stories of these individuals and the building of the Lorain mill through vintage photographs and unique stories. Presented by presenters Mr. William and Al Doane of the Lorain Historical Society.

Lorain Historical Society
International City Project
Saturday, March 30; Oral History Initiative
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
The Lorain Historical Society is collecting oral histories about the cultural traditions and experiences of the people who live in Lorain. Participants will sit for a 30 to 45 minute interview with LHS staff. Please call Jillien Zudell at 440-245-2563 to register.

Let’s Make a Podcast
Saturday, March 30
3 to 5 p.m.
Learn how to script, record, and edit content for a podcast. This is a hands-on workshop where we will get in front of the microphone and create fun and engaging content. All participants must have a signed photo/media release form.

Children
Penguin Party
Tuesday, Jan. 9
10:30 a.m.
Children ages 0-6 can join in for some winter fun with penguin themed stories, songs, crafts, and snacks.

STEAM Kids
Candy Chemistry
Monday, Jan. 14
6 p.m.
Families and kids of all ages, join us for a family eduction science experiments. Play with your food and learn about chemical reactions!

Kids Art Studio - Clay Play
Saturday, Jan. 19
10:30 a.m.
Join us to get messy and create with clay.

Birthday Party
Wednesday, Jan. 23
10:30 a.m.
Children ages 0-6 can join in for birthday themed stories, songs, crafts, and cake. All families invited! This program is for adults only.

Black History Month Stop & Go Party
Wednesday, Feb. 6
6:30 p.m.
Children ages 0-6 can join in to celebrate the invention of the traffic light, Garrett Morgan. A family program featuring stories, songs, crafts, and snacks.

Family Fun Time - LEGO Night
Monday, Feb. 11
6 p.m.
Families and children of all ages join us for an evening of "LEGO"′s building fun!

Kids Art Studio - Chocolate Art
Saturday, Feb. 16
2 p.m.
Join us to experiment with edible art and create a tasty chocolate treat.

Fairy Tale Festival
Monday, Feb. 18
6 p.m.
Families and children of all ages join us for a magical evening celebrating our favorite fairy tales. Participants are encouraged to dress up!

Teddy Bear Party
Wednesday, Feb. 20
10:30 a.m.
Children ages 0-6 can bring their favorite teddy bear (or other stuffed animal) to the library for stories, songs, crafts, and snacks.

STEAM Kids - DIY Dragons
Monday, Feb. 25 & 6 p.m.
Calling all dragon enthusiasts! Join us for an evening of dragon making. Recommended for children with the ability to use scissors and hot glue.

Lions and Lambs Party
Wednesday, March 6
10:30 a.m.
Children ages 0-6 can celebrate the month of March with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks all about lions and lambs!

Family Fun Time Rainbow Unicorn Gala
Monday, March 11
6 p.m.
Do you love unicorns and rainbows? Join us for a special party with unicorn-themed snacks and activities.

Family Fun Time Hot Wheels Free Play
Monday, March 18
6 p.m.
Families and children of all ages join us for a night of Hot Wheels fun. Construct a track or race your friends for a weekly fun time. We provide the Hot Wheels cars and track for you to play with.

Superhero Party
Wednesday, March 20
10:30 a.m.
Children ages 0-6 can celebrate their favorite superhero with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks.

STEAM Kids - Slime Time
Monday, March 25
6 p.m.
Families and children join us for an evening creating squishy, icky slime projects.

Black History Month Film Series
Lilies of the Field (1963)
Wednesday, Feb. 6
1 to 2:30 p.m.
A film that explores how African American farmer Homer Smith, an unemployed construction engineer Mark Thackeray arrives to teach a church in the desert. Starring Sidney Poitier who overheats. The farm is being worked by a group of African American farmers under the supervision of two white men and is not rated.

Black History Month Film Series
To Sir with Love (1967)
Wednesday, Feb. 27
1 to 2 p.m.
Engineer Mark Thackeray arrives to teach at a totally undisciplined class at an East End school. Still hoping for a good engineering job, he’s hopeful that he won’t be there long. He starts implementing his own brand of classroom discipline: forcing the pupils to treat each other with respect. Inevitably he begins getting involved in the students’ emotional lives, and must defend the advances of an anonymous student while winning over the class tough. What will he decide when the employment opportunity comes through? The film is 1 hour and 34 minutes in length and is not rated.

Black History Month Film Series
Through a Lens Darkly:
Black Photographers and the Black History Month Film Series
Erupting Slime
Thursday, Feb. 21
6 p.m.
Do you DIY gifts, birthday invitations, or make your own flyers? Learn the basics of graphic design - from color theory to kirming. This program focuses on using free resources to make amazing designs.

Intro to Graphic Design
Saturday, March 2
3 to 6 p.m.
How do you DIY gifts, birthday invitations, or make your own flyers? Learn the basics of graphic design - from color theory to kirming. This program focuses on using free resources to make amazing designs.

South Lorain Branch Portrait Photography Contest
Monday, March 11 through March 23
Send us your portrait photographs and we’ll display them on our library shelves! All portraits will be displayed at the South Lorain Branch Library from March 20 through April 15. During this time, library patrons can vote for their favorites. First place winners will receive a prize from LHS staff. Please call Jillien Zudell at 440-245-2563 to register.

Family Fun Time - Peace Rocks
Monday, Jan. 14
1 to 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.’s message of peace and love by stopping in and painting a peace rock to take home.

Family Fun Time - Disney Trivia
Monday, Jan. 28
6 p.m.
Families team up and join us for a night of Disney trivia.

Black History Month Film Series
The Parole Officer (1960)
Wednesday, Feb. 6
1 to 2:30 p.m.
A film that explores how African American farmer Homer Smith, an unemployed construction engineer Mark Thackeray arrives to teach a church in the desert. Starring Sidney Poitier who overheats. The farm is being worked by a group of African American farmers under the supervision of two white men and is not rated.

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Wednesday, Feb. 27
1 to 2 p.m.
Engineer Mark Thackeray arrives to teach at a totally undisciplined class at an East End school. Still hoping for a good engineering job, he’s hopeful that he won’t be there long. He starts implementing his own brand of classroom discipline: forcing the pupils to treat each other with respect. Inevitably he begins getting involved in the students’ emotional lives, and must defend the advances of an anonymous student while winning over the class tough. What will he decide when the employment opportunity comes through? The film is 1 hour and 34 minutes in length and is not rated.

ATC Maker Workshop
Saturday, March 16
2 p.m.
All ages are welcome to join us at this special workshop. Learn the history of Art'in Talking Cards (ATC's) and some tips for creating your own miniatures with pieces of artwork. This workshop is open to all skill levels and abilities. Art supplies and cards will be provided.

Teen
Oreo Taste Test
Thursday, Jan. 17
6 p.m.
Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can test their Oreo knowledge by guessing the different flavors of America’s favorite cookie!

Teen & Tween Paint Night
Thursday, Jan. 31
6 p.m.
Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can join us to create their very own masterpiece! Light refreshments will be provided.

Black History Month - Potato Chip Tast Test
Thursday, Feb. 7
Tweens and Teens can celebrate the inventor of the potato chip, George Crum, by testing their knowledge of different kinds of potato chips!

Erupting Slime
Thursday, Feb. 21
6 p.m.
Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can create their own slime and then watch it erupt!

Intro to Graphic Design
Saturday, March 2
3 to 6 p.m.
How do you DIY gifts, birthday invitations, or make your own flyers? Learn the basics of graphic design - from color theory to kirming. This program focuses on using free resources to make amazing designs.

Melted Crayon Art
Thursday, March 7
3 to 6 p.m.
Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can create their own art using melted crayons and an iron!

No Sew Sock Donut
Thursday, March 21
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Tweens and Teens ages 9 to 18 can create their very own donut with a sock! Do-nut worry, there will be donuts to snack on!
**The Thickety series by J.A. White**

When Kara Westfall was five years old, her mother was convicted of witchcraft. Years later, Kara and her little brother are still shunned by the people of their village, who believe that nothing is more evil than magic...except, perhaps, the mysterious forest that covers nearly the entire island called the Thickety. When an unusual bird lures Kara into the forbidden forest, she discovers a strange book with unspeakable powers. A book that might have belonged to her mother. And that is just the beginning of the story.

Amy Loch, Library Associate I, Main branch

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**Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Pena, illustrated by Christian Robinson**

When Carmela wakes up on her birthday, her wish has already come true – she’s finally old enough to join her big brother as he does the family errands. Together, they travel through their neighborhood until they arrive at the Laundromat, where Carmela finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. But before she can blow its white fluff away, her brother tells her she has to make a wish. If only she can think of just the right wish to make...

Dawn Woodward, Youth Services Librarian, Main branch

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**Nevernight by Jay Kristoff**

Daughter of an executed traitor, Mia Corvere is barely able to escape her father’s failed rebellion with her life. Alone and friendless, she hides but her gift for speaking with the shadows leads her to the door of a retired killer and a future she never imagined. Now, a 16-year-old Mia is apprenticed to the deadliest flock of assassins in the entire Republic – the Red Church. If she survives to initiation, she will be inducted among the chosen of the Lady of Blessed Murder, and one step closer to the only thing she desires.

Victoria Yakubik, Library Associate II, Domonkas branch

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**Angry Candy by Harlan Ellison**

This collection of short stories from 1988 comes from a Cleveland-area native, who died in June, and focuses on death and the many forms it takes.

Scot Allyn, Adult Librarian, North Ridgeville branch

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**Longitude by Dava Sobel**

Anyone alive in the eighteenth century would have known that “the longitude problem” was the thorniest scientific dilemma of the day—and had been for centuries. Lacking the ability to measure their longitude, sailors throughout the great ages of exploration had been literally lost at sea as soon as they lost sight of land. Thousands of lives and the increasing fortunes of nations hung on a resolution. One man, John Harrison, in complete opposition to the scientific community, dared to imagine a mechanical solution – a clock that would keep precise time at sea.

Margaret Urban, Library Assistant, Columbia branch

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**I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda with Liz Welch**

It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin’s class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen-pal letter. There were only ten letters, and fifty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives. In this dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends – and better people – through their long-distance exchange.

Kim Bacisin, Library Associate I, North Ridgeville branch

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**Warlight by Michael Ondaatje**

In 1945, just after World War II, 14-year-old Nathaniel and his sister, Rachel, stay behind in London when their parents move to Singapore, leaving them in the care of a mysterious figure named The Moth. They suspect he might be a criminal but become less concerned as they come to understand in that time. Without their father, explaining nothing? A dozen years later, Nathaniel begins to uncover all that he didn’t know.

Erika Bobka, Librarian, Avon branch

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**The Edge of Innocence: The Trial of Casper Bennett by David P. Miraldi**

Based on the 1964 murder trial of Casper Bennett, a Lorain man accused of drowning his wife in a bathtub, Miraldi’s book focuses on Bennett’s sensational trial, which pitted a county prosecutor against the author’s father, a civil trial attorney who had never before defended anyone for murder. Forty years later and long after his father’s death, the author found the Bennett file in the bottom of his mother’s closet. From the moment he began reading the papers, the long-forgotten drama cast a spell on him and as he uncovered more and more of the facts, the story he had known as a child disappeared, replaced by one far different.

Donna Kelly Sprinkle, Manager, Avon branch

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