Welcome to our inaugural issue of Connections!

This new title for the Lorain Public Library System’s community publication reinforces our role as your community partner for entertainment, information and services. It also touches on the expanding role eMedia resources play in providing you 24X7 access to film, video, eBooks, newspapers, magazines, music and audio downloads as well as learning from the comfort of your home or mobile device. Congratulations go to Tom Saal, who submitted the new name. You can read about this talented local writer and cartoonist elsewhere in Connections.

Another way we strive to connect with the community is through support for events such as Lorain’s International Festival. This issue includes an article about the library’s Spotlight Industry designation for the June 22-24 event. We are very proud to support Lorain in this way. Look for our rock star Summer Library program friends in the parade in support of this year’s theme: Libraries Rock! — and stop by our festival booth.

And, I invite you to grab that book you have been putting off sitting down with as we rock the summer reading!

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz
Director, Lorain Public Library System

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Tom Saal, local cartoonist and writer, said the BBC series, *Connections* of 1978, that explores the paths of how technological change happens and the social effects of those changes on society, inspired him to submit the name suggestion for the LPLS newsletter.

He was intrigued, he said, by the theme of one thing leading to another and he envisions the knowledge gained from the library system acting similarly. He also says that the library’s many eMedia services help build on and make those connections easier.

The 85-year-old contributor spent most of his working life in New York and Cleveland in advertising and publishing; but writing about automobiles and racing is his passion. His work includes *Famous but Forgotten*, the life story of Cleveland auto manufacturer Alexander Winton (Winton Place), *Damn Few Died in Bed*, the life story of Andrew Dunlop, a champ car chief mechanic, and *Tommy Saal’s ABCs of Auto Racing History*.

A lifelong patron of the library system, Saal joined the Friends of the North Ridgeville Library soon after moving to North Ridgeville with his wife, Judith, in 2004. He is a graduate of St. Ignatius high school (1950) and Xavier University (1954).

A big round of applause and thanks goes out to all those who participated in the naming competition as well as the panel of judges who helped make the selection. We received much thoughtful input that included name suggestions, marketing strategies and drawings. So, the next time we need creative direction, we know we can count on you! Please enjoy the first issue of *Connections* and see where your reading leads you.
The 52nd annual festival is a premier summer event that celebrates the city’s nationalities and cultures through food, music, costume, art, pageantry and tradition. Activities take place in various downtown locations, as well as along the banks of the scenic Black River.

A highlight of the International Festival is the annual kick-off parade, and as this year’s spotlight business, LPLS is ready to rock and roll with a float that highlights the 2018 Summer Library program theme: Libraries Rock! LPLS staff will be dressed up as rock stars from different eras, and some of these “stars” will walk the parade, handing out candy and toys.

Main Library Assistant Nina Lopez shared that the last time the library was the Spotlight Industry for the Lorain International Festival was in 2001, during LPLS’ centennial anniversary.

“All attendees will be in for a real treat as we plan to make this year’s festival our best effort yet,” said Lopez.

LPLS will share the spotlight with Puerto Rico, the 2018 Spotlight Nationality. LPLS is honored to share this recognition with Puerto Rico, especially after the devastating affects Hurricane Maria had on the Island.

LPLS, with the help of its patrons, turned library fines into donations, and presented a check for nearly $5,000 to El Centro toward the Hurricane Maria Relief Fund for Puerto Rico.

Mark your calendars for this year’s Lorain International Festival, and celebrate all the heritages within our great city!

For more information about the Lorain International Festival, including a complete schedule of events, visit loraininternational.com.
FULL STEAM AHEAD:

Discovery on the Go!

Children’s literacy is going mobile as Lorain Public Library System introduces its newest outreach venture: Discovery on the Go. This mobile library initiative rolls out this summer, coming to a park, festival, neighborhood or event near you.
The new program’s primary focus area is emerging literacy for preschoolers, who will be introduced to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) to gain background knowledge, vocabulary and critical thinking skills. Children will have the opportunity to check out STEAM-related books from the vehicle.

The secondary focus will be reading skills for kindergarteners through third-graders. The initiative is designed to engage readers with informational text — a goal of the Common Core Standards. The Common Core State Standards Initiative details what K-12 students throughout the United States should know in English language arts and mathematics at the conclusion of each grade.

This age group typically spends a lot of time reading in the classroom without much choice in subject matter. The Discovery program enables students to choose and check out books ranging from science and technology to nonfiction and poems.

LPLS Director Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz and Public Services Coordinator for Youth and Outreach Services Elaine Betting creatively collaborated on this idea after seeing Cleveland Museum of Art’s mobile art studio, Studio Go.

“We thought, ‘Why can’t we do that?’ But we wanted to put a library spin on it, and we wanted to find a way to engage the community, where traditional bookmobile and book truck stops weren’t working,” Betting said.

Besides the mobile library collection of books, Discovery on the Go will include tools such as LEGO’s, Keva Planks, art supplies, Ozobots and Snap Circuits in keeping with the STEAM theme.

Another benefit of Discovery On the Go is to connect state standard-based curriculum with these young students. And with take-home activities, the STEAM learning doesn’t have to end once the vehicle departs. Parents are encouraged to continue engaging at home with activity sheets.

“This new vehicle can take us to festivals, parks, neighborhoods and schools with specific STEAM learning goals for kids and families. We will pilot some programs this summer, with an official schedule rolling out in the fall,” said Betting.

LPLS will utilize the mobility of the vehicle to reach and impact as much of the Lorain community as possible, with an emphasis on daycares, preschools and elementary schools, in areas that are more than a mile from a library branch and with high poverty and racial diversity.

Discovery on the Go is on a mission to deliver the library experience to youngsters throughout the Lorain community.

For more information on Discovery on the Go or to suggest a site to visit, email ebetting@lpls.info.
Life-saving Medical Devices

Two life-saving devices are now available at your local LPLS locations.

AED Devices Located at Libraries

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death in the United States. More than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital each year. Twelve percent of those victims survive. Because SCA can happen to anyone at any time, LPLS is implementing an AED program to prepare employees to respond to an SCA emergency.

Portable automated external defibrillator (AED) devices, located near the circulation desk of each library, are now part of each library’s equipment. AEDs treat sudden cardiac arrest, which can cause death if not treated within minutes.

These lightweight, battery-operated, devices are easy to operate, providing voice prompts to guide the user through the process of checking the heart and sending an electric shock to restore a normal rhythm if necessary.

The American Red Cross credits the AED as the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest.

Blood Pressure Kits Now Available for Checkout

Patrons can now check out a blood pressure kit for seven days to track and monitor blood pressure readings. The kit includes a: blood pressure device, quick user card, AC adapter and four batteries. Look for it in the Circulation section of the library.
Please note preregistration is required for all programs except where noted. Visit the online calendar for the most current information www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events.

Friday, June 1; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 9; 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday, July 2; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 4; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 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.

Friday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Beginners
Adults, join the weekly Friday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel.
Saturday, June 2; noon - 3 p.m.

Summer Library Program Kickoff and Beach Party - Libraries Rock
Libraries Rock this summer as we celebrate music and rhythm! Co-sponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Lorain County Metro Parks, the beach party launches the library’s Libraries Rock! Summer Library Program and the Metro Parks’ Lakeview Park (1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain) beach season. Fun for the whole family will include games, face painting and a special performance by Sogbety Diomande, who invites families to “Discover West County Metro Parks, the beach party launches the library’s Libraries Rock!”

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

Word for Beginners
Are you seeking help in looking for a job? Come to one of the Job Help Mondays to attend.

Monday, June 4; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Big Buddy Orientation
This orientation is one hour prior to first Book Buddies program.

Wednesday, June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Music Makers
A musical story time for families with children of all ages. Join us for stories with a beat, toe tapping tunes, instruments and dancing.

Wednesday, June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Craft Jewelry
Join us to make three fun jewelry pieces this summer! Ages 10 and up welcome.

Mondays, June 18: Wire Wrap Rings; July 16: Painted Washer Necklace; August 13: Basic Beaded Bracelet, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Lorain: International City Food
Join us in celebrating our diversity by learning to make some favorite community dishes.

Wednesday, June 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Back to the Jurassic
Join us as we celebrate the release of Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom with dino fun, games, and crafts. All ages welcome.

Thursdays, June 21; August 16; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Crafters Club
Use your imagination to see what you can build. We have lots of LEGO® blocks and other materials for you to use. Ages 6 and older.

Saturday, June 16; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PowerPoint for Beginners
Participants will learn to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects and must be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

Saturday, June 16; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday, July 21; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday, August 18; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Teen Glow Karaoke Party
Start off your summer with a celebration of music and light! Join us after hours for our Teen Glow Karaoke Party. Play around with all things glow in the dark and sing your heart out! For all fun seekers ages 12 - 18.

Monday, June 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Surprise Party
You’re invited to a special party, but shhh - it’s a surprise! Help us get ready with games, crafts and other activities while we wait for the guest of honor to show up on his big day! Families with children of all ages are welcome to bring a gift of doggy treats that will be donated to Lorain County’s Partners with Paws, in Browser’s® name. Bring your cameras for special photo ops with our favorite dog!

Monday, June 18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 14; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, August 24; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Book Buddies
Books Buddies pairs middle and high school students with early readers for literacy and learning. Enjoy fun, games, and, of course reading. If you are a teen interested in reading with kids register under Big Buddy Orientation. Little Buddies should register under the Book Buddies listing.

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Wednesday, June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

STEAM Club
Get ready for all things STEAM! We’ll provide the materials and you provide the creativity as we explore coding concepts and computer languages. All skill levels welcome. Intended for children ages 10 and older.

Wednesday, June 13, 20, 27; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Big Buddy Orientation
This orientation is one hour prior to first Book Buddies program.

Wednesday, June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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Monday, August 21; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Excel for Beginners
Participants will learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel 2007 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, with limited hands on practice time. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

Monday, June 4, 11, 18; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Word for Beginners
Become familiar with internet basics, websites and search engines and 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.

Saturday, June 16; July 14; August 11; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons, Ask a Dungeon Master!
Does Strange Things have you itching to play D&D again? Or are you unsure where to start? Join as we celebrate the release of Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom with dino fun, games, and crafts. All ages welcome.

Thursdays, June 21; August 16; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Saturday, June 30; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grossology
Study the science of gross things and become a grossologist! All ages welcome!

Sunday, July 7; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tech Help
Bring questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology related.

Monday, July 2; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - State of Freedom by Neel Mukherjee
Set in modern India, this novel about dislocation and the hunger for something better that drives us, prize winning author Neel Mukherjee weaves together the story of five very different characters, while moving between the reality of our contemporary world and the shadow of another. Copies of the book are available at the library.

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

Library Rocks
Join us for geological fun as we learn about rocks and participate in exciting activities! All ages welcome.

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

Email for Beginners
Join us to celebrate all things Barbie with crafts, games, and oodles of fun! All ages welcome.

Saturday, August 4; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Grossology
Join us in the grassy area next to the Main Library parking lot for some fun in the sun! We’ll have plenty of water based activities and chalk to express your creativity. This program is for families with children of all ages. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, July 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Superhero Fun Day
Come join us for superhero shenanigans! We’ll have crafts, games, snacks and tons of adventure for everyone. For families and children of all ages!

Thursday, July 12; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Music Trivia Night
Test your music knowledge during this fun trivia night! Ages 13 and up welcome.

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

Nerf Night
Join us for a little lively competition as we have fun and complete challenges using Nerf blasters. All those ages 13 to 18 welcome.

Monday, July 16; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Irish Dance Basics
The jig is up! All ages are welcome to learn the basics of Irish dance with an instructor from Leneghan Academy.

Thursday, July 19; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
The most talked about novel last year, The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, isn’t just for teens. Please join us in reading the award winning novel about how a community comes to grips with the intersection of race, tragedy and power as it fights for justice. Copies of the book are available at the library.

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

Email for Beginners
Join us for email 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.

Saturday, June 23; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

All About Tarot
Meet local Tarot reader Victoria Kempton who will teach the basics of an age-old metaphysical practice, including the messages behind the cards and what to expect during a reading.

Saturday, June 23; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Library Rocks
Join us for a day of Elvis film favorites all day long! All ages welcome.

Thursday, August 2; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Farm Party with Pony Tails Farm
Join us in the grassy area next to the Main Library parking lot for a special party to celebrate the end of summer. Pony Tales Farm will be sharing some of their rescued animals for a meet and greet outside the library. Learn about goats, donkeys and other farm animals at this program for all ages.

Friday, August 3; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MUSICAL Film Festival
Join us in the grassy area next to the library parking lot for some fun in the sun! We’ll have plenty of water based activities and chalk to express your creativity. This program is for families with children of all ages. All ages welcome.

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Wednesday, August 8; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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Saturday, August 11; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Escape Room Challenge
Just for teens! Can you strategize your ultimate escape? Join us after hours for a game of Escape Room. Fun for all smart, clever types in grades sixth through 12th.

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

Campfire Stories
Gather around the fire, kids, because it’s time for thrills and chills for eager listeners from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Saturday, July 28; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Adult CD Jewelry Box Craft
Put your baubles in something extra shiny. We will show you how to make a jewelry box from recycled CDs.

Saturday, July 28; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Yarn and Loop: Strawberry Spin
Children ages 5 to 11 and their families are invited to join Norio Kids as they turn the library into a Cocoro village! Help design and build your own model and full-size playhouse. Space is limited.

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Chalk and Water Play
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Monday, June 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Wandering Ohio: A Buckeye Trail ThrU-Hike
Ohio authors Chuck and Beth Hewett will talk about their experiences hiking Ohio’s Buckeye Trail.

Tuesday, June 5; August 28; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
eLibrary
Your library card gives you access to free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music that you can take wherever you go. That’s not all! You can also stream free movies and TV shows, take online courses, or even self publish your own book. Receive an overview of our eLibrary services and learn how to start enjoying them today. Bring questions and your devices.

Wednesday, June 6; July 11; August 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Anime Night
If you love anime, come join us for our anime night! Talk with your peers about some of your favorites, chill out and enjoy anime related activities. Light refreshments will be served. G rated cosplay is encouraged. Perfect for those in grades 6 - 12.

Thursday, June 7; 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. Preregistration not required.

Fridays, June 8; July 13; 7; August 10, 24; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Story Time in the Woods
Explore Avon’s new wooded play area at the “Every Child’s Playground,” 36285 Detroit Road. The Avon Branch Library will offer story times two Fridays per month, April through October, 10:30 a.m. in the woods. Music, movement activities, nature walks and play will accompany nature themed stories. Please dress for the weather and bring a blanket for seating. In case of inclement weather, a story time will take place at the Avon Branch Library. Preregistration not required.

Friday, June 8; 2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
DIY Travel Boxes for Kids
Do you have to travel plans this summer? Then, this program is for you! Come create LEGO® and art travel boxes to use during long trips. Perfect for children ages 5 - 12.

Saturday, June 9; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (for kids); 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (for adults)
Ukulele Workshops
Learn the ukulele with Sheela Das of Creative Concepts in Music! We’ll cover basics of instrument, blues music and turnarounds for more experienced players! We will learn 10 songs. Borrow one of Sheela’s instruments or bring your own.

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Coding Club
Explore computer programming and a bit of electronics in a fun, collaborative environment! A limited number of laptops are available for use, or bring your own. Coding Club is intended for students entering third through sixth grades, whether they have experience with coding or are brand new.

Tuesday, June 12; 1:2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lil’ Rock Star Academy
Come have a rockin’ good time at the library by enjoying music themed games, crafts and activities. Perfect for ages 3 and up. Preregistration not required.

Wednesday, June 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Rock and Roll History: The Cleveland Connection
Dr. Joel S. Keller traces Cleveland’s influence in the development of Rock and Roll music from the 1950s to the present day. Important events in local Rock and Roll history will be discussed. Emphasis will be given to local musical performance venues, both past and present, as well as Northeast Ohio music groups and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

Thursday, June 14; July 19; August 16; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Summer Classics Club: The Catcher In The Rye, Franny and Zooey, Nine Stories
by J.D. Salinger
Join us for a Summer of Salinger as we read a different book by J.D. Salinger each month. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration not required.

Wednesday, June 14; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Teen STEAM: Duct Tape Craft
Teens and tweens - if you love duct tape, come join us for a duct tape craft! There will also be an opportunity to take home a fun duct tape freebie! Perfect for those in grades fifth through 12th.

Friday, June 15; 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Musical Art Play Date
Toddler and preschoolers, along with their parents, join us for a musical themed art play date! We will share a story, songs, dancing and make a musical instrument!

Monday, June 18; 6:30 p.m.
The Opioid Epidemic in Lorain County and Ohio
Drug and alcohol abuse hurts communities and everyone in them. A representative from The LGADA Way will share with us information on the opioid epidemic in Lorain County and Ohio, terminology, statistics, symptoms as well as where to get help.

Tuesday, June 19; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Action Painting
Join us for a hands on creative adventure! Expand the limits of your imagination by painting with various objects and techniques, even painting blindfolded! Prepare to get messy and dress accordingly. This program is best for preschoolers through fifth-graders.

Tuesday, June 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Family Engineering Night: Architectural Espionage
Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School age children and their families will race to reconstruct buildings from memory.

Wednesday, June 20; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Creative Songwriting for Teens
If you like to create, dream, sing or write, a Creative Concepts in Music teaching artist will help you tap into your creative side by expressing yourself in song. Bring a notebook and your ideas! For sixth grade and up. Preregistration not required.

Wednesday, June 20; 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
The Art of Racing in The Rain by Garth Stein
We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson

These events are open to the public. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration not required.

Thursday, June 21; 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 p.m. 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. Preregistration not required.

Thursday, June 21; 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Summer Solstice Yoga Celebration
Celebrate the arrival of summer with a special outdoor yoga event at the library. Yogis of all ages and levels, including families, gather on the south lawn with your mats and water bottles for an uplifting yoga practice. Brought to you by Stiysters Yoga + Fitness of Avon, Avon Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Avon Library! Preregistration not required.

Friday, June 22; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 23; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Book Sale
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. Preregistration not required.

Mondays, June 25; August 27; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Excel for Beginners
Participants will learn 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.

Tuesday, June 26; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
3D Printing Demonstration
Learn how to design and print three dimensional objects with a 3D printer. By the end of the hour, you will know what PLA, Tinkercad and Thingiverse are and see a 3D printer in action. Families with school age children, teens and adults are welcome to join us for this exciting demonstration.

Tuesday, June 26; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Faulty by Alice Hoffman
Tuesday, July 24; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tis: A Memoir by Frank McCourt

Tuesday, August 29; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
Adult Book Discussion
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome! Preregistration not required.
Tuesdays, June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 10:30 a.m - 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time
Talk, sing, read, write and play with us! Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 years, with or without their caregivers, are invited to join us for fun songs, rhymes, stories and activities - including arts and crafts - designed to build early literacy skills.

Wednesdays, June 27; July 25; August 29; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Thursdays, June 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Story Time
Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your baby, ages 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, June 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Toddler Tales Story Time
Join us for an interactive story time for ages 2 through 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, while having fun. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Thursdays, June 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Music Makers
A musical story time for families with children of all ages. Join us for stories with a beat, toe tapping tunes, instruments and dancing.

Thursdays, June 28; July 26; August 23; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

 Builders Club
Use your imagination and see what you can build! We have lots of LEGO® blocks for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 - 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent.

 Saturdays, June 30; July 28; August 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Adapted Story Time
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 - 7, all ages are welcome. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend.

 Saturdays, June 30; July 28; August 25; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Teen Book Club
Teens, do you like to read? Then, come to our Teen Book Club. Each month we will discuss a specific YA title and enjoy light refreshments. Copies of the book are available at the library. Pre-registration not required.

Mondays, July 2; August 6; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Coloring for Grown-Ups
Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and gel pens will be provided. Coffee will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older.

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

Little Ballerinas
Calling all little aspiring ballerinas! Put on your tutus and join us for an afternoon of ballerinas stories, music, games and fun! Make a ballerina wand, learn some simple dance steps and have your picture taken with a ballerina! Recommended for ages 3 - 7.

Monday, July 9; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Keeping in Touch Online
Learn about ways to stay in contact using online tools like Skype, FaceTime, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook and more.

Tuesday, July 10; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dino Dig
Join us for a dino excavation! Children ages 4 - 10 will receive a dinosaur excavation kit to start digging, then play around with dino themed games, crafts and more.

Tuesday, July 10; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Crash Test Dummies
Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges STEM skills. School age children and their families will build safety pods for their water balloon crash test dummies. How much water will be spilled by the end of the night is anyone’s guess.

Saturday, July 14; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Rock Out and Read!
Come join Joanie Calem and her puppet friends as we sing and dance to old rock and roll songs about summertime fun, explore interactive folk stories about rocks and sing. Bring your imagination and your laughter with you to the Earth Bern Amphitheater at the Every Child’s Playground, 36265 Detroit Rd. If it rains, we’ll move the fun indoors to the library. Perfect for families with children ages 2 and up.

Monday, July 16; 6:30 p.m.

Continuum of Drug Use: From Experimentation to Late Stage Addiction
Drug and alcohol abuse hurts communities and everyone in them. A representative from The LCADA Way will share information on the progression, signs and consequences of use from experimentation through chemical dependency.

Friday, July 20; 6 p.m. - 7:30 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 - 18.

Saturday, July 21; 11 a.m. - noon

3D Printing Demonstration
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Saturday, July 21; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Fancy Nancy Soiree
Wear your fanciest attire (that’s a fancy word for clothes!) and join us for a Fancy Nancy Soiree (that’s French for party!) Dresses, tiaras, sunglasses and other glamorous accessories all welcome! We’ll read a Fancy Nancy story by Jane O’Connor, make posh crafts and let you show off your attire at our fabulous fashion show! Recommended for preschool and school age children.

Monday, July 23; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

PowerPoint for Beginners
Learn to create dynamic presentations with slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, such as animation and transition effects. Edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

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

Painting Music
Let music be your guide! Translate what you hear into color, line and shape in this art program, such as animation and transition effects. Edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.

Tuesday, July 31; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Splash and Play
Join us for fun in the sun! Children ages 3 - 7 and their families are invited for an afternoon of water games and activities. Try our giant bubble maker, fish pond, water sensory bins and more! Wear water appropriate attire.

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

Black Light Karaoke
Classic karaoke with a twist! Come to the library to enjoy a glow in the dark singing experience. Perfect for ages 10 and up.

Friday, August 3; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Hamilton Bash
Join us for Hamilton themed activities with prize giveaways. Perfect for ages 12 - 18.

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

Teen DIY: Musical Instruments
Pianos and guitars are expensive. You can do better! Construct and decorate your own custom musical instrument to take home and play. Perfect for ages 12 - 18.

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

Teddy Bear Campout
Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal to a campout in the library featuring story time, songs and crafts. Your stuffed animal will stay the night. Pick them up the next day and find out what they did. Intended for toddlers through kindergartners.

Thursday, August 9; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family PJ Dance Party
Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed animal to dance away the rest of the day. End the night by making a craft and listening to a story. Perfect for ages 2 and up.

Saturday, August 11; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Teen and Tween Chopped Challenge
Teens and tweens, are you a fan of The Food Network’s Chopped? Then put on your apron and join us for our Chopped Challenge! Just like the show of the same name, this event will be divided into three courses. In each round, you will be given one ingredient that must be incorporated into the specific course. Join us for this fun, tasty event.

Monday, August 13; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Amish Fiction Open Read
Tell us about an Amish fiction book that you’ve read and enjoyed! Please bring a copy of the book that you are discussing. Pre-registration not required.

Monday, August 13; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hip Hop Coding!
Use Scratch, a free computer programming language, to create a music video starring yourself, with code and hip hop dance moves. Perfect for ages 12 - 18.

Monday, August 13; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 14; 11 a.m. - noon

Pete The Cat Party
All the cool cats, who are preschool or school age, join us at the library for a Pete the Cat party! We will have interactive Pete the Cat stories, music, games, a craft and a scavenger hunt... because it’s all good!

Tuesday, August 14; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Hot Wheels Free Play
Come play with our collection of Hot Wheels cars. Perfect for ages 5 and up. Pre-registration not required.

Monday, August 20; 6:30 p.m.

How to Equip Your Child to be Drug Free
Drug and alcohol abuse hurts communities and everyone in them. A representative from The LCADA Way will share information on how to equip your child to be and stay drug free. This program is ideal for parents, grandparents and caregivers.

Tuesday, August 21; 7 - 9 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Tower Construction
Join us for a family friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School age children and their families will perform a balancing act in more ways than one in this set of construction challenges.

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

Home Repair Basics
Are you tired of having to call a handyman every time something minor breaks in your house? An expert from Lowe’s will be on hand to show us some basic home repair tips.
Please note preregistration is required for all programs except where noted. Visit the online calendar for the most current information www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events.

Saturday, June 2: 2, 12, 19, 26; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Rockin’ Preschool Story Time
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3-6 and 6-years-old with their caregivers.

Tuesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Outback Ray’s Amazing Animal Show
Join us for a fun filled family story time with books, music, finger plays and more. Meet us in the gazebo in the ColumbiaTown Park, behind the library.

Saturday, June 9: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Family Story Time in the Gazebo
Join the library’s walking club. This group meets weekly at the beautiful adjacent walking trail in the Columbia Township Park. Meet in the library’s meeting room to grab a water bottle. Collect a Summer Walking Log, on or after the scheduled walk June 18, to begin logging to earn great prizes! This program is cosponsored by the Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration not required.

Saturday, June 2: noon - 3 p.m
Summer Library Program Kickoff and Beach Party - Libraries Rock!
Libraries Rock this summer as we celebrate music and rhythm! Cosponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Lorain County Metro Parks (1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain) the beach party launches the library’s Libraries Rock! Summer Library Program and the Metro Parks’ Lakeview Park beach season. Fun for the whole family will include games, face painting and a special performance by Sogbety Diomande, who invites families to ‘Discover West Africa: Rhythm Through Drumming and Dance.’ Preregistration not required.

Monday, June 4: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Dance Party Summer Kickoff
Bring the whole family for a rocking good time at the library! Sign up for the summer library program and party like a rock star. This program is co sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Tuesday, June 5: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner and a Book Discussion - The Cottingley Secret by Hazel Gaynor
Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends? Check out our brand new book discussion group. 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.

Tuesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14; 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

TechCorps and the Nordson Corporation Foundation have come together to provide a week long computer science camp at the library. This full day program is designed to engage sixth- through eighth-graders in hands on, interactive STEM related activities. Students will take a deep dive into the subject of Robotics in this specialized course. For registration and more information on Techie Camps, visit http://www.techcorps.org. Preregistration not required.

Tuesdays, June 19: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Excel Charts, PivotTable and Mail Merge
Learn how to create and modify basic charts. Practice with Chart Tools. Create basic pivot tables and practice using pivot table tools and pivot charts. Learn how to merge a letter with a list of names and addresses. Find out how to create a letter with labels and an existing Excel spreadsheet.

Monday, June 25: 1 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion - LaRose by Louise Erdrich
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

Monday, June 25: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Music Makers
Explore and make your own musical instruments. Children ages 5 - 10. This program is co sponsored by The Columbia Friends of the Library, Inc.
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.

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

Android Phone Help
Do you have an Android phone, but don’t know how to use it? This program will teach you the basics and help you get started with using your Android including taking pictures and videos, sending texts, understanding apps, privacy settings, general problem solving and more.

Saturday, July 21; August 25; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Monday, July 23; 1 p.m.
Adapted Book Discussion - Love and Other Consolation Prizes by Jamie Ford
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

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

Country Music and Pony Rides
Join us for an evening of pony rides and country music in the grassy area behind the library. While you wait for your pony ride, children will have fun with country themed crafts and games. Pony rides will be provided by Pony Tales Farm of Columbia Station. Preregistration not required.

Thursday, July 26; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Women’s Health Healthy Meals For One (or Two) Cookbook: A Simply Guide to Shopping, Preparing and Cooking for Yourself with More Than 175 Nutritious Recipes by Katie Walker
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, July 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Luau Time
Kids of all ages are invited to join us for a musical luau party. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Tuesday, July 31; 3-3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Rockin’ Escape Room
Teens, the library Escape Room is back, this time with a musical twist! 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? Also, celebrate the end of the summer library program with pizza, snacks and beverages.

Thursday, August 2; 6 p.m.

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.
Fridays, June 1, 15, 29, July 13, 27; August 10, 24; Thursday, June 4; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Crochet & Knit
Adults are invited to join this friendly community group to share your crochet and knit 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, but please bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles. Join the fun!

Saturday, June 2; noon - 3 p.m.
Summer Library Program Kickoff And Beach Party - Libraries Rock
Libraries Rock this summer as we celebrate music and rhythm! Cosponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Lorain County Metro Parks (1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain) the beach party launches the library’s Libraries Rock! Summer Library Program and the Metro Parks’ Lakeview Park beach season. Fun for the whole family will include games, face painting and a special performance by Sogbety Diamande, who invites families to “Discover West African Rhythm Through Drumming and Dance.”

Pre-registration not required.

Monday, June 4; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6; noon - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 7; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 8; 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 9; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Groovy Guessing Jar
Kids, come cool off in the library this week during open hours and take a guess at how many rockin’ items are in our jar! Whoevers gets the closest guess will receive a sweet surprise. Pre-registration not required.

Thursday, June 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
#JustForFun Teen Book Club
Teens, join us at the library for snacks and chat about a new book every month. We will be discussing the book The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness. Ever wonder what it is like to be the best friend to the Chosen One? Well Mikey is and all he would rather do is graduate and maybe ask a girl out, even if the end of the world, or something, is supposed to happen. Books will be available in the library a month in advance.

Saturday, June 9; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Camp Rock - Domonkas Summer Reading Kickoff Party!
Kick off your summer with some musical fun as we celebrate the beginning of summer reading. Libraries Rock! Come jam with us as we sing camp themed songs, play some adventuress games, and enjoy sweet treats! It is all the fun of the great outdoors, minus the pesky bug bites! Be sure to register early, as this event will fill up fast!

Tuesday, June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17; noon
Thursday, June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19; noon
Lunch and Fun
Children and teens age 18 and younger are invited to join us for a boxed lunch and other fun activities.

Tuesday, June 12; 11 a.m. - noon
The Domonkas Rock N’ Rollers - Play to the Beat
Tuesday, June 19; 11 a.m. - noon
The Domonkas Rock N’ Rollers - Musical Notes
Tuesday, June 26; 11 a.m. - noon
The Domonkas Rock N’ Rollers - Marching Bonanza
Tuesday, July 3; 11 a.m. - noon
The Domonkas Rock N’ Rollers - Shake, Rattle, & Roll
Tuesday, July 10; 11 a.m. - noon
The Domonkas Rock N’ Rollers - Rock N’ Roll Legends
Tuesday, July 17, 11a.m. - noon
The Domonkas Rock N’ Rollers - Rock on, Write on!
Tuesday, July 24, 11 a.m. - noon
The Domonkas Rock N’ Rollers - The Big Bang!
Preschoolers through fifth-graders, come for a groovy time as we celebrate ‘Libraries Rock!’ Each week listen to a story, participate in a variety of musical activities, from learning how to read music, to designing your own album cover, and enjoy a catered lunch thereafter! Join us as we explore a plethora of rockin’ music, and learn how to jam to our beats!

Wednesday, June 13; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Cinema Fun - Musical Movie Night
Movie Lovers of all ages, come to the library and enjoy a night of melodious fun as we watch a movie musical! Tune in to a classic film, and enjoy the light refreshments as we stay cool for the summer!

Thursdays, June 14; August 9; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Magic: The Gathering!
Teens, have a new deck you want to try? Or, are you new to the mythical game of Magic® and want to learn the basics? Then come on in, hang out and play Magic: The Gathering® in a casual environment! Please bring your own set of dice as well as decks! Pre-registration required.

Monday, June 18; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Quizzar - Movie Genre Trivia
Calling all cinephiles and movie buffs! Do you know how many movie credits Doug Jones has to his name? Or who the leading actors are in the film, Halloween? Then show off your grey matter as we quiz you on various movie genres. Build a team, and whoever wins will receive a movie lover’s dream prize!

Wednesday, June 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Adult Independence Day Craft
Adults, are you feeling patriotic? Then come to the library as we create a star spangled craft that everyone will admire! Bring your creativity, and we will provide the supplies!

Thursdays, June 21; July 19; August 16; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board
Sixth through 12th-graders, here is your chance to volunteer your time, energy and ideas to help make the library better for the community. It’s also a nice addition to your personal resume! Stop in and fill out an application, or come to a meeting and check it out.

Saturday, June 23, 30; July 14, 28, August 11, 18; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Zumba® Beat!
Patrons, are you looking to jazz up your mornings with an infectious dance? Then come to the library to break a sweat with Zumba! Have fun and get fit as we dance to Latin beats!

Saturday, June 26; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Once More with Spirit - O.R.B.S. Ghost Hunter Visit
Ghost enthusiasts of all ages, do you know which spirit has the best dance moves? The Boogie Man! Learn more information about the paranormal as one of Ohio’s top investigation teams, Ohio Researchers for Banded Spirits (ORBIS), presents their techniques and experiences in the world of ghosts. Be sure to register early, as this event will fill up fast!

Monday, June 26; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 27; noon - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 28; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 29; 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 30; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Cool off and Color!
Teens, is it too hot outside, and you are wanting somewhere to cool off? Head to the library and cool down while you relax and color. Coloring sheets and supplies will be provided, and everyone is welcome. Pre-registration not required.

Monday, June 25, July 30; August 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion
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!

Wednesdays, June 27; July 25; August 29; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Domonkas Writing Group - The Lakeview Pen
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.

Saturday, June 30; July 8; August 25; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursdays, July 5; August 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
#JustForFun Teen Book Club
Teens, join us at the library for snacks and chat about a new book every month. We will be discussing the book The Coldest Girl in Coldtown” by Holly Black. Coldtowns are quarantined areas where monsters and humans battle between who is predator and who is prey. When Tana wakes up surrounded by corpses after a party, she will have to go to the heart of Coldtown itself to rescue those close to her. Books will be available in the library a month in advance.

Tuesday, July 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cookbook Club
If you like reading and learning about cooking, you’ll enjoy this adult get together to explore the world of food. Review each month’s cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. Then attend the discussion session to share your kitchen experiences or a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

Pre-registration not required.
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Tuesday, July 31; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 1; noon - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 2; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, August 3; 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, August 4; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Create Your Own Pet Rock!**

Kids, come celebrate the last week of “Libraries Rock” during open hours by decorating your very own pet rock! Give it a personality through your creative flair, and take home a new friend! Preregistration not required.

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Tuesday, August 8; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Cookbook Book Club**

If you like reading and learning about cooking, you’ll enjoy this adult get together to explore the world of food. Review each month’s cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. Then attend the discussion session to share your kitchen experiences or a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome! Preregistration not required.

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

**Essential Oils Relaxation Series**

As the school year begins, life gets pretty hectic. Slow down and come to the library, where Heather Crabtree will teach how to use essential oils for relaxation in this two part series! In session one, learn what oils are good to use for winding down, and in session two, learn about what oils are best to use for winter preparation. Be sure to come with an open mind, and learn some techniques to get you through the daily grind!

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

**Teen Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling**

Teens, come to the library and bowl with your friends, in the dark! Scores will be tracked, and the team with the highest score will win a prize. Light refreshments will be provided.

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Thursday, August 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Libraries Rock! - Painting Session**

Come to the library and unearth your creativity as we paint local rocks! Join in the community fun as we participate in Facebook® group, Northeast Ohio Rocks, as after we paint, we will hide these gems around the area! Find the diamond in the rough with your artistic flair, and have fun with this rock solid, family friendly activity!
North Ridgeville Library

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M, Tu, W, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

* Closed Sundays from May through September

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.

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Thursdays, June 7; July 5; August 2; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
**A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time for Grown-Ups**
Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older.

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**History of North Ridgeville**

Whether you are new to the city or have lived here all your life, you are invited to take a look back at the early settlement of the area we now call North Ridgeville. Learn where the first settlers came from and how the city got its name. See pictures of buildings that are gone and hear about landmarks that still exist in this informative program co-sponsored by the North Ridgeville Historical Society, Inc.

**Little Learners**

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, and more. Pre-registration not required.

**So That’s What Parents Say!**

Share in a follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. Copies of the mystery book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk.

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**Upcycle Book Craft for Adults**

Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will provide all the ingredients you need to create your own upcycled book.
Saturday, June 23; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
**Sports Trivia Challenge at the Library**
Adults, come test your sports trivia knowledge! Bring a team or drop in on your own and connect with others. Categories will consist of professional sports such as MLB, NBA, NFL and NHL. Play trivia in a safe, relaxed environment. Participants compete for prizes by answering a challenging range of sports trivia questions.

Monday, June 25; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 28; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
**Excel for Beginners**
This introductory class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel, a popular spreadsheet program. Participants work with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identify rows and columns, enter data into cells and ranges, and create simple mathematical formulas.

Tuesdays June 26; July 24; August 28; 1 p.m.- 2 p.m.
**Tuesdays Adult Book Discussion**
Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title on the fourth Tuesday afternoon monthly. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, June 26; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
**Puppet Play**
Come to the library and watch a puppet show! Enjoy playing with the library’s puppets and make your own puppet to take home. Intended for children ages 2 and up.

Wednesday, June 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
**Music Mayhem**
Are you kids banging on the floor, knocking on the door, keeping the beat by tapping their feet? Bring the music that’s in them to the library, join our band, and then make and take home a musical instrument. Intended for children ages 3 and up.

Monday, July 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
**The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. General Membership Meeting**
Join us for the general membership meeting of the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. to plan the next book sale and other fundraisers. New members are welcome. Preregistration not required.

Tuesday, July 10; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
**Library Detective Agency**
Calling young detectives! There’s a crime scene at the library! We need your help to follow the clues and solve the library mystery. Intended for children ages 5 and up.

Wednesday, July 11; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
**The Brits are Coming: British Invasion for Teens and Tweens**
Keep calm and party on! Tweens and teens, show off your best British accent at the library and celebrate all things British with crafts, games and music.

Saturday, July 14; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
**Craft Closet**
Help! The library needs to clean out its craft supply closet. Did you miss a story time craft or have a favorite craft that you’d like to remake? Here’s your chance! Ages 2 and up may drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last. Preregistration not required.

Tuesday, July 17; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
**Moana Luau**
Do you love Moana? Come to the library for a Moana themed luau and enjoy Hawaiian music, activities and crafts. Intended for children ages 2 and up.

Fridays, July 20; August 17; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
**Snack Chat - Tween Book Club**
Tweens, join us at the library this summer for snacks and a chat about a book. Copies of the book will be available at the children’s desk for you to check out and read before the program. The book club is open to kids going into fourth through eighth grade.

Wednesday, July 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
**Preschool Paint Box**
Leave the mess to us and bring your preschoolers to try different painting activities at the library. We will have brushes, sponges and paint for fingers ready for your preschooler to enjoy. Children should dress in clothes that can get messy; smocks will be provided. Intended for children ages 2 and older.

Thursday, July 26; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
**Book Sale Preview**
Admission to the book sale preview of a large assortment of books, movies, puzzles and music for all ages is reserved for members of the sponsoring organization, Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Preregistration not required.

Friday, July 27; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 28; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
**Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.**
Open to the public. Find a large assortment of books, movies, puzzles and music for all ages. Preregistration not required.

Tuesday, July 31; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
**Sensory Shenanigans**
If your kids can’t get enough of getting their hands in a mess, bring them to the story time room between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to engage in a variety of sensory activities. From Playdough® to rice, the tables will be set for a squishy good time. Intended for children ages 2 and older.

Tuesday, July 31; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
**An Evening with Terry Pluto**
Join Terry Pluto, Plain Dealer author and sports columnist, for an evening discussion of the good, the bad and the ugly of Cleveland sports. Step back into the glory days for behind the scenes stories about the Cleveland Indians and a city crazed with Indians fever. The author’s books will be available for purchase.

Tuesday, August 7; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
**Write Your Own Story Book**
Write and illustrate your own picture book at the library! Learn about characters, setting and plot in this writing workshop. Intended for children going into third grade and older.

Wednesday, August 8; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
**Peace, Love and Tie dye for Teens and Tweens**
Celebrate the spirit of the ‘60s by making some groovy tie dye creations! Please bring a white, 100% cotton item to be tie dyed. It could be a T shirt, tank top, pillow case or even socks! All other supplies will be provided by the library.

Friday, August 10; 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Saturday, August 11; 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sunday, August 12; noon - 6 p.m.
**Corn Festival Activities**
Visit the Corn Festival booth located in the library driveway entrance sponsored by the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Stop by for free giveaways. Preregistration not required.
Saturday, June 2; noon - 3 p.m.
Summer Library Program Kickoff and Beach Party - Libraries Rock
Libraries Rock this summer as we celebrate music and rhythm! Co-sponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Lorain County Metro Parks, the beach party launches the library’s Libraries Rock! Summer Library Program and the Metro Parks’ Lakeview Park (1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain) beach season. Fun for the whole family will include games, face painting and a special performance by Sogbety Diamande, who invites families to “Discover West African Rhythm Through Drumming and Dance.” Pre-registration not required.
Saturday, June 2; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, August 3; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 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.

South Lorain Chess Club
Open play chess sessions are for all ages and levels, from beginner to expert. This is an opportunity for chess players to congregate, meet others, talk chess, play and work on their game. Pre-registration not required.

Sound Garden
Families and children of all ages join us to create some musical wind chimes from bamboo, beads and washers. We will hang our completed projects outside to transform our reading garden into a sound garden to be enjoyed all summer.

Wednesday, June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 4 p.m.
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Yoga for Beginners
Adults, join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gormann. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel.
Friday, June 8; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Internet for Beginners
Become familiar with internet basics, visiting websites and using internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library’s website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.
Saturday, June 9; 2 p.m.

Tea with a Princess
Join us at the library for a tea party with the Lorain International Princesses! All ages are welcome.

Saturday, June 9, 23; July 7, 21; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Block Party
It’s a block party in the library! Families and children of all ages join us for some building fun. We provide the blocks you bring the fun.

Mondays, June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Kids Free Lunch Program
Children ages 6 - 17 enjoy a free lunch while we read aloud from a family friendly book. We will continue our story where we left off at each session.

Monday, June 11; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Moo, Baa, Quack! Down on the Farm
Families and children of all ages join us for a special evening down on the farm. Spring Mist Farms will bring a variety of farm animals for you to visit.

Monday, June 12; 6:30 p.m.
Cuisine From Puerto Rico - International Month
Join Executive Chef Sergio Morales, owner of Coquito’s Deli & Bakery, as he demonstrates how to prepare dishes that are delicious, authentic, and distinctly Puerto Rican. And yes, there will be food to sample and recipes to take home.

Tuesday, June 12; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Slimology
Tweens and teens ages 9 - 14 can join us in making slimes such as Kool-Aid® and glow-in-the-dark slime.

Wednesday, June 13; 2 p.m.
Dog Tales - Children Read Aloud to a Dog
Parents bring your children to the library so they can practice their reading skills by reading to one of our furry friends from the Lorain County Kennel Club. The dogs are all ears and ready for a good story. Children can bring their own book or read a book from the library. Pre-registration not required.

June 14, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; 2:30 p.m.
Camp NahNoWiMo Gathering
Want to write a novel? Aspiring authors of all ages are welcome to join us as we gather and write. Authors can tackle any project. So, have fun now and edit later.
Saturday, June 16; 11 a.m. - noon
Multicultural Story Time
Children and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs, and rhymes from other cultures!

Saturday, June 16; 2 p.m.
The Story of the People of Lorain, The International City - International Month
How does a place get to be known as an “International City”? What are the fundamentals that are mixed together to create a successful community? Presented by David Simmer of the Lorain Historical Society.

Monday, June 18; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Internet Safety and Security
Do you want to use the internet, but you’re frightened by all of the potential safety risks and security threats? Then come to this informative class to learn the basics of internet safety and security.

Monday, June 18; 6 p.m.
Rockin’ Carnival
The Library Carnival returns! Join us outdoors for a fun night of carnival games. Will you get a temporary tattoo or find the lucky duck?

Tuesday, June 19: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Candy Around the World
Tweens and teens ages 10 - 18 can taste test candy from around the world!

Tuesday, June 19; 6:30 p.m.
Change of Pace Book Discussion Group - Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
This adventure follows Marlow, the narrator, up the Congo River on behalf of the Belgian trading company. Far upriver he encounters the mysterious Kurtz, an ivory trader who exercises a godlike sway over the inhabitants of the region. Marlow is brought face-to-face with the corruption and despair that Conrad saw at the heart of human existence. Copies of this book will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion. Pre-registration not required.

Monday, June 25; 6 p.m.
Chalk Walk & Roll
Join us for our third annual Chalk Walk. Hang out with your community and help us cover our sidewalks with chalk drawings while you listen to a performance by Princess Melody. Then cool off with some delicious ice cream.

Tuesday, June 26; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Pop-Tart® Pillow
Tweens and teens ages 10 - 18 can make their own Pop Tart® pillow and enjoy some Pop Tarts!

Tuesday, June 26; July 24; August 28; 6:30 p.m.
DVD Discussion Group - Film Appreciation 101: What Makes Film Art?
Learn about some of the finest films ever made and some of the finest performances to ever grace the big screen. Discover why certain films are considered classics, and learn about the art and craft of expert filmmaking. In this monthly series, patrons will be able to borrow the featured film on DVD one week prior to the discussion.

Saturday, June 30; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Keeping in Touch Online
Learn about ways to stay in contact using online tools like Skype, FaceTime, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook and more.
Monday, July 2; 6 p.m.
Karaoke Champions
Families and children join us for an evening of musical fun. Sing along with your favorite tunes and prove your musical memory.
Monday, July 6; 6 p.m.
Defying Gravity
Families join us for a gravity defying demonstration of Alka-Seltzer rockets. Then clean up with water balloons and an epic water fight.
Tuesday, July 10; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
DIY Ice Cream
Tweens and teens ages 10 - 18 can celebrate National Ice Cream month by making their own ice cream!

Friday, July 13; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Word for Beginners
Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend.
Saturday, July 14; 11 a.m. - noon
Camping Story Time
Children and their caregivers can join us for all things camping with stories, songs, rhymes and s’mores!
Monday, July 16; 6 p.m.
**Nature Rocks Featuring Jungle Bob**
Welcome to the jungle! We've got fun and animals. Join us for an evening with animal entertainer and educator Jungle Bob Tuma. It will be a wild evening with fun and animal friends.

Tuesday, July 17; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
**Emoji Day**
Tweens and teens ages 9 - 14 can join us in celebrating World Emoji Day with crafts, snacks and other activities!

Tuesday, July 17; 6:30 p.m.
**Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty First Century by Jessica Bruder**
Bruder hits the road to chronicle the new trend of older Americans who have formed a growing community of nomads. Finding that social security comes up short, often underwriting on mortgages, these individual casualties of the Great Recession have taken to the road by the tens of thousands forming a band of migrant workers who call themselves "workampers." Read the book and join us. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion. Preregistration not required.

Friday, July 20; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
**Individual Technology Help**
Call to schedule one on one help during this two hour window. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here.

Monday, July 23; 6 p.m.
**Bugs Rock!**
Families and children of all ages join us for an evening all about bugs. Come learn about beetles, butterflies, and other creepy crawly while you paint ladybug pebbles. Then go on a bug hunt.

Tuesday, July 24; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
**Crafting with CDs**
Tweens and teens ages 10 - 18 can join us to create different crafts using CDs.

Saturday, July 28; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
**Excel for Beginners**
Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, July 30; 6 p.m.
**Bookapalooza**
Children and families who have completed 15 hours of summer reading are invited to join us for a special pizza party, with fun activities, games and prizes.

Tuesday, July 31; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
**Harry Potter Jeopardy**
Tweens and teens ages 10 - 18 can celebrate the Chosen One’s birthday by testing their knowledge on all things Harry Potter.

Tuesday, July 31; 6 p.m.
**Dinosaur Diggers**
Families and children ages 3+ join us on a prehistoric adventure to learn about fossils and excavate your own dinosaur.

Tuesday, August 1; 6 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.

Monday, August 6; 6 p.m.
**Kindergarten Bootcamp**
Parents and soon to be Kindergarteners join us for a special evening with Kindergarten Teacher Susan Delgado. We will play with some educational toys, read a book, and get the inside scoop on what you need to know about Kindergarten beyond ABCs and 123s.

Tuesday, August 7; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
**Edible Art**
Tweens and teens ages 10 - 18 can play with their food by using it to create art!

Thursday, August 9; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
**Ready for School Story Time**
Have a child starting preschool or kindergarten in the fall? Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes all about school!

Saturday, August 11; 11 a.m. - noon
**Pete the Cat Story Time**
Children and their caregivers can come celebrate all things Pete the Cat with stories, songs, and other activities!

Monday, August 13; 6 p.m.
**Slime Studio**
Families and children join us for an evening creating squishy,icky slime projects.

Saturday, August 18; 2 p.m.
**Dinosaur Diggers**
Families and children ages 3+ join us on a prehistoric adventure to learn about fossils and excavate your own dinosaur.

Tuesday, August 21; 6:30 p.m.
**Change of Pace Book Discussion Group - Pachinko by Min Jin Lee**
In early 1900s Japan, Sunja's decision to abandon her home and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations. Richly told and profoundly moving, Pachinko is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. Read the book and join our discussion. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion. Preregistration not required.

Thursday, August 23; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
**Lorain Millennials Night**
Presented in partnership with the Lorain Historical Society’s Millennial Group, this is a fun opportunity to meet and network with other adults in a relaxed environment. We’ll have some refreshments, fun activities and opportunities to get to know other engaged and passionate young professionals.

Saturday, August 25; 3 p.m. - 5 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, August 27; 6 p.m.
**Out of this World! Alien Golf**
Families and children of all ages are invited to join us for a round of alien themed putt putt golf.

Tuesday, August 28; 7 p.m.
**A Program of Astronomical Importance**
Interested in astronomy? Come to this program presented by the Black River Astronomical Society to learn about stargazing. Topics to be covered include: what is needed to get started, things to look for in the night sky, constellations, types of telescopes and equipment. And the experts from BRAS will be able to answer your astronomical questions. Immediately following the program, we will set up telescopes outside for a night observing session.
Many thanks to everyone who completed our LPLS survey that appeared in the winter Dimensions issue. Thanks to your input, we now have more than 1,000 survey responses to review that will help us deliver the type of programming and services you want.

Initial survey results tell us two main groups cross our doors. A large majority of users are families, with the second largest group age 60 or older. And, the survey showed you have made us a regular part of your lives! About 70 percent stop in once or twice a week, or once or twice a month.

Congratulations to Ann Muriello, of Avon who won the $25 Starbucks® gift card. Her entry was chosen from among those who participated.

98.96% of survey respondents said the library programs/services are a good value for the tax dollars spent.

Strong Survey Response Helps Us Serve You Better

Thank you!

Summer Library Program Kickoff and Beach Party
Saturday, June 2 • noon to 3 p.m.
Lakeview Park (1800 W. Erie Ave, Lorain)

Celebrate music and rhythm with us! Enjoy games, face painting and a special performance by Sogbety Diomande, who invites families to “Discover West African Rhythm through Drumming and Dance.”

And everyone who completes the 2018 Summer Library program will receive a certificate for a free T-shirt, featuring Browser’s Elvis look, from Big Frog Custom T-shirts in Avon Commons.

Libraries Rock!
the Summer Reading!
Columbia Township has had many firsts. It is the longest running settlement in the Western Reserve west of the Cuyahoga River (inhabited since 1807). It also had the first teacher and classroom, first cemetery, first doctor and first organized church society.

This community of about 7,000 residents is proud of its rich history, and the Columbia Branch and the Columbia Historical Society are collaborating to preserve that history.

Inside the Columbia Branch a unique mural depicts the township’s history in photographs tile by tile. The branch also frequently shares an end-cap display commemorating the history of the township. More recently, Columbia purchased several large, lateral filing cabinets for the Historical Society, which will be used to store its artifacts. The first items that have been transferred over to the cabinets include a collection of annuals and yearbooks. Photographs and pamphlets about Columbia’s rich railroad and greenhouse history, as well as family histories and homecoming celebrations, are just some of the other artifacts that will soon be archived at the library.

"We’re all tied together," said Blanche Nemeth, president of the Columbia Historical Society. "We are working to promote education of the history of our community."

Nemeth said the artifacts will be safer at the library in its climate-controlled environment, and be more conveniently accessible for patrons wanting to do genealogy research. Although the artifacts won’t be able to be checked out, they can be reviewed on the spot and copies can be made.

Columbia Branch Librarian Supervisor Susan Spivey said the library is a natural stop for anyone looking for any sort of historical information.

"Columbia Township is a fascinating community filled with residents who are incredibly interested in, and connected to, their local history," said Spivey. "I’m excited to collaborate with the Columbia Historical Society to make some of their historical materials more accessible to community members and visitors who have an interest in genealogy or the history of the township."

The Columbia Branch welcomes visitors in to view these materials, and to attend future local history-centered programs.

For hour and event information, visit: https://www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/locations-hours/columbia-branch

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