

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2015

Lorain Public Library! Dimensions

Access Consumer Reports Online For Free

How safe is your car? Are you washing your clothes with the best detergent? Looking to buy a new appliance? Is choosing electronics confusing?

At every turn, consumers are faced with a new decision to make. Money doesn't grow on trees, so maybe you should be looking into the products that are costing you big bucks. The Lorain Public Library System is here to help!

Finding out how brands stack up just got a whole lot easier. As a Lorain Public Library System patron, you have free access to a wildly popular resource: Consumer Reports. This online service won't cost you a dime.

Start by visiting LorainPublicLibrary.org and selecting *Research*. Click on the *Consumer Help* box and find Consumer Reports. You'll be automatically logged in when using a library computer. Away from the library, simply have your library card number to log in.

Consumer Reports is a trusted, independent product testing organization whose mission is to empower consumers.

Find product evaluations and articles on health, public safety and legal decisions that affect consumers. See the models that perform well in tests and meet industry standards for reliability and safety.

The Consumer Reports website includes helpful car buying guides and consumer advice via videos. Get instant access to thousands of expert reviews and ratings.

So check out the Consumer Reports website today. You'll be happy you did when you're wearing fresh-smelling clothes, safely buckled into your reliable car, using the Bluetooth on your highly rated smartphone!



Lorain Public Library System Presents: How-To Season

Get ready for another round of fascinating how-tos.

Our how-to month programs were so successful last year, we're now bringing you an expanded season of fun tutorials!

Lorain Public Library System libraries are hosting dozens of how-to programs this fall. There's so much to learn and it's for the whole family!



Here's a snippet of the exciting programs this year.

- Learn all about starting your own aquarium, from fresh water versus salt water to fish compatibility. If dogs are more your speed, meet various breeds from the Lorain County Kennel Club.
- If guitars strike a chord with you, come to Guitar Tuning 101. Have some tune-up work at home? Meet with an expert from Lowe's to discuss home repair.
- Be ready to spring into action and save a life. Master emergency first aid procedures such as CPR and the Heimlich maneuver.
- Come interpret your dreams and learn about symbolism.
- Get your craft beer education here! Learn how to make beer at programs showing you the basics of home brewing. Or learn how to make a nutritious lunch at our Salad in a Jar program.
- Make a beautiful holiday creation at our gingerbread house workshop. Or try your hand at a needle-less finger knitting project.
- Fine-tune your job search skills. Highlight your assets in your resume, and review interview questions and answers. Numerous computer classes are always offered to make you more marketable.

Our own talented staff will teach many of these sessions. Other programs will be led by guest speakers.

Why should you attend?

"It's to get a taste of something new, maybe something you were interested in trying," said Pam Coghlan, Domonkas Branch librarian supervisor.

Now's your chance to learn a new skill and maybe even gain a new hobby!

See this Dimensions issue for upcoming how-to programs at our libraries. Or visit our website, LorainPublicLibrary.org, and click on *Events* to see the programs in our online calendar. Some programs require preregistration. Register online or by calling the library at 1-800-322-READ (7323)



Main Library

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

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



September

Monday, September 7
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 15; 5:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board
Joining the Main Library's Teen Advisory Board is an opportunity for sixth through 12th graders to plan and volunteer at various fun activities in the library and the community throughout the year. Help at book sales, special family holiday programs, our annual Summer Reading Kickoff Program and more. Who knows? We might even have games and snacks. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 17; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
– Preview open to Friends
Friday, September 18; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
– Open to public
Saturday, September 19; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
– Open to public
Monday, September 21; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
– Open to public
Tuesday, September 22; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
– Penny Day open to public
Friends Book Sale & Preview
Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. For more information, including membership fees, call the Main Library at 440-244-1192, ext. 450 or 1-800-322-READ, ext. 450. The book sale is open to the public from Friday through Tuesday and sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. Penny Day discount prices are in effect Tuesday only. All remaining items will sell for 1 cent each. Magazines will be free.

Saturday, September 19; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
So You're Thinking About Running A Marathon - How-To
Join us for a panel discussion about the nutrition, training and challenges involved in running a marathon. Runner and blogger Bridget Smith will also talk about her goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 21; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time
Join Ernesto Hernandez, local Yu-Gi-Oh! expert, for open play time. He will share his knowledge from regional and national tournaments. The Yu-Gi-Oh! open play time is for 8-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens Aug. 17. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 26; 11 a.m. - noon
Salad In A Jar - How-To
Looking for a simple way to add veggies to a meal on the go? Learn how to stack your ingredients for the best flavor and take a sample home for lunch! Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 26; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friendship Bracelets - How-To
We provide the materials, and you provide the creativity! Eight-year-olds and up are invited to weave rubber bands and tie string into fun jewelry. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 26; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Home Brewing - How-To
Ever wonder how to make beer? Come learn the basics of home brewing at our how-to day event. Demonstration only! Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 26; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Meet The Breeds - How-To
Curious about a komondor? Eager to meet an Irish setter? Come meet members of the Lorain County Kennel Club and their various breeds. Join our program about "how-to" pick the next best friend for your family! Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 26; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Glass Etching And Soap Making - How-To
Come learn some easy crafts we found on Pinterest that you can actually do! Glass etching and soap making are easy and fun. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 26; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Simple Home Repair - How-To
Want to try some DIY projects around the house, but don't know where to start? Expert Nick Smith from Lowe's will present some easy home fixes and answer some of your basic repair questions. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 29; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Main Maker Club
Join us each month for an hour of making. We'll explore science, technology, crafts and other hands-on activities. Grades four and up. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 29; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Local Author Mary Doria Russell Lorain County Reads
Spitzer Conference Center
1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria
Hear local author Mary Doria Russell speak at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center, located at 1005 N. Abbe Road in Elyria. She is the author of *Doc*, a national best-seller about Doc Holliday and the beginning of his friendship with Wyatt Earp, before the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the 6 o'clock hour. The author will start her presentation at 7 p.m. and take questions afterward. This event is a county-wide literary project through Lorain County Reads, a collaborative effort by the public libraries serving Lorain County. Preregistration is required by calling the Elyria Public Library System at 440-322-0175.

Wednesday, September 30; noon
Charleston Village - Past And Present
Renee Dore, Lorain historian and resident of Charleston Village, will present this informative presentation on the history, people, homes and current projects in this unique pioneer section of Lorain. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring along your own brown-bag lunch as well. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
LEGO® Night
Do you love to build with LEGO®s? The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

October

Saturday, October 3; 10 a.m. - noon
Just For Guys Get-Together
Rose Cafe, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
Boys of all ages are invited along with their dad, grandfather, uncle or any other man who plays an important role in their life. Enjoy a surprise guest speaker, crafts, games and a delicious brunch. This event will be held at the Rose Cafe located at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain. The guys get-together is sponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and Lorain County Metro Parks. Space is limited. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 3; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Zentangle® 101
Interested in learning a new art form? Attend this fun session on Zentangle, a very easy method of drawing used to create beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is suitable for beginners and seasoned artists alike. With Zentangle one can create designs that can be used for gifts, greeting cards and more. However, Zentangle has also been helpful to others for relieving stress, panic attacks and chronic pain, and in rehabilitation and weight loss. During the class the entire process is broken down and taught "one stroke at a time." You will be amazed at what you will accomplish at the end of just one class. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 12; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Ghost Hunters
Do you believe in ghosts? You will after you see a presentation on the paranormal and ghost hunting by Greg Feketik and members of Tri-C Ghost Hunters. These ghost hunters have been on over 130 investigations throughout the world! Preregistration required.

Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2; 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 21; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, December 3; 4 p.m.
Teen Drama Club
Join this group of sixth through 12th-graders in rehearsing and performing a dramatic presentation for younger kids. Rehearsal dates are Wednesdays, Oct. 14, 21 and 28, Nov. 4, 11 and 18, and Dec. 2 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. The performance date is Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. with a short rehearsal beforehand at 4 p.m. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Ninja Night
Channel your inner ninja for an evening of ninja-themed stories, crafts and activities. For families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 17; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
What's New With Medicare For 2016?
Receive a comprehensive overview of Medicare during open enrollment. Loretta Serrano is a certified agent for Medicare and health care products. She will discuss new plans and popular plan changes, the difference between Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplement Insurance, how to evaluate and choose a plan, prescription plans and reading your Annual Notice of Change (ANOC), MyCare Ohio and its role, and how to avoid marketing scams. Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, October 20; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Main Maker Club
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Thursday, October 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Browser's® Boo Bash
Have a ghoulishly good time at Browser's® Boo Bash for families with children of all ages. Come in a costume and enjoy music, simple crafts and treats. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 24; 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Zombie Movie Matinee
Come join us for a zombie-filled movie in honor of the season. Don't worry, we won't be serving brains during this R-rated film! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 27; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friends Of The Lorain Public Library, Inc. Board Meeting
All current members are welcome to attend the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. board meeting.

Wednesday, October 28; noon
200+ Years Of Lorain History
Join us for a narrated slideshow of Lorain history that takes us from the earliest settlement at the mouth of the Black River to notable events that happened in 2015. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring along your own brown-bag lunch as well. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 28; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
LEGO® Night
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Wednesday, October 28; 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Meet James A. Willis And The Ghosts Of Ohio
Rose Cafe, 1800 W. Erie Ave., Lorain
James A. Willis is the author of *Weird Ohio: Your Travel Guide to Ohio's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets* and *The Big Book of Ohio Ghost Stories*. Willis will be sharing the truth about Lorain County's own Gore Orphanage legend. He will also share information about area ghost legends and give a behind-the-scenes look at his new book, *Ohio's Historic Haunts*. Willis is the founder of Ghosts of Ohio, a paranormal research and investigation group that was started in 1999. Since its founding, members of the organization have been traveling all across the state, conducting investigations and giving presentations about ghosts and ghost research. This event will be held at the Rose Cafe in Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. in Lorain. Sandwiches and refreshments will be available for purchase. This evening of entertainment is cosponsored by the Lorain County Metro Parks and Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

November

Sunday, November 1 through Tuesday, December 1
Dinovenember Photo Contest
Lorain Public Library System
Back after 65 million years! Dinosaurs have been getting into mischief while the library is closed. We'll post the evidence on our website and social media sites to show you. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or Tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovenember. If you would like to drop off your photo, a form will be available in the library for you to fill out with your contact information. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of our locations, on our website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Wednesday, November 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Jungle Bob's Mammal Show
Jungle Bob is back by popular demand with an all new show! Meet and learn about amazing animals in this educational and entertaining program for people of all ages. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 10; 5:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board
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Thursday, November 12; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Star Wars Night
May the Force be with you on this evening of crafts, games, treats and activities for all ages. Come as your favorite character and meet other characters. A great family event! Preregistration required.

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Monday, November 16; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

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Tuesday, November 17; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Main Maker Club

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Wednesday, November 18; noon - 1:30 p.m.

The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald A Great Lakes Mystery

The National Museum of the Great Lakes is located in Toledo, Ohio. The museum is offering this program about the "Fitz" to observe the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. A speaker from the museum will be on hand to talk about one of the most famous unsolved mysteries of the Great Lakes - the cause of the sinking of the 729-foot freighter on Nov. 10, 1975. Twenty-nine crew on board lost their lives. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring along your own brown-bag lunch as well. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

LEGO® Night

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Wednesday, November 25; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Main Computer Programs

Friday, September 4; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 1; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 2; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 4; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

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

Saturday, September 5; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 31; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 21; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 7; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

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

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

Friday, November 27; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

eMedia

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

Friday, September 11; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 9; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 14; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

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

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Thursday, November 26

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

December

Thursday, December 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Drama Club Presents A Christmas Carol

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

Wednesday, December 16; 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Movie Night

Put on your pink bunny pajamas, turn on your leg lamp and join us for a classic holiday movie filmed right here in Cleveland! This film is rated PG. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

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

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

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Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Thursday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Families with children of all ages, join us as we welcome in the new year early with music, games, balloons, a countdown and ball drop at noon. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 31; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and remain closed for New Year's Day.

Story Time

Mondays, September 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26;

November 2, 9, 16; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Family Story Time

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

Wednesdays, September 30;

October 7, 14, 21, 28;

November 4, 11, 18; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

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

Exercise Programs

Fridays, September 4, 11, 18, 25;

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;

November 6, 13, 20, 27;

December 4, 11, 18; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Basic Yoga

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

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28;

October 5, 12, 19, 26;

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;

December 7, 14, 21, 28; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Zumba

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

Don't Miss Out on Yarn Club

Saturdays, September 12, 19;

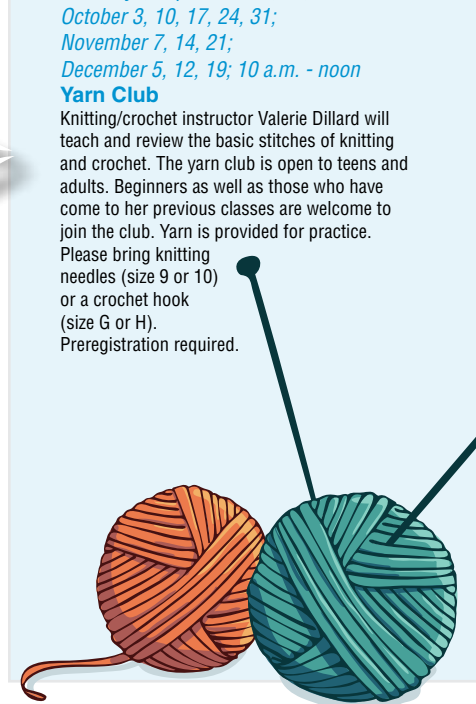
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;

November 7, 14, 21;

December 5, 12, 19; 10 a.m. - noon

Yarn Club

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



Monday, September 28; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 19; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 14; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 19; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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

Friday, November 20; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tech Help

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



Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Drive
Avon, OH 44011
440-934-4743

M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; W Noon-8:30 p.m.;
F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
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September

Thursday, September 3; 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting

Friends of the Avon Library business meeting. New members are welcome. For more information, call the Avon Branch at 440-934-4743.

Monday, September 7

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 9; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Guidelines For College Test Prep

Are you stressed about your upcoming college entrance exams? Is college testing difficult to prepare for and confusing? Receive some extra help getting ready for the big tests. Come for a general overview of the wide array of resources available through your library and learn how the library is here to help you do your best. Students and parents are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 16; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Volunteer Night

Sixth through 12th-graders can explore the many volunteer experiences available at the library. Food and fun included. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 19; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

So You're Thinking About Running A Marathon - How-To

Join us for a panel discussion about the nutrition, training and challenges involved in running a marathon. Runner and blogger Bridget Smith will also talk about her goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 19; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Writers Group

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

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Avon Story Times

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Preschool Story Time

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Thursdays, September 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Babies And Books - Story Time For Babies

Stories, music and finger plays for babies from 6 to 23 months old along with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Thursdays, September 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

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

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

Thursdays, September 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 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. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 21; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Home Brewing - How-To

Get your craft beer education here and learn the basics of home brewing with The Cleveland Brew Shop. They will present how-to instructions and tips on equipment, ingredients and recipes to get you started. Learn where you can find equipment, additional classes and information in the area. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Minecraft Party

Don't be a creeper, come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that's sweeping the world. Kindergartners through third-graders, come and enjoy a night of Minecraft-themed fun and games. This program will also be offered on Sept. 29. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 24; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

LEGO® Challenge

Use your imagination and let our challenge inspire you to see what you can build. We have lots of LEGO®s for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 29; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Local Author Mary Doria Russell Lorain County Reads

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Tuesday, October 6; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Couponing With Rachel - How-To

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

Tuesday, October 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Library Hoedown - How-To

Get ready to dance at Avon Branch Library's first fall hoedown! Families of all ages, learn how to square dance and hear about its history while enjoying fall refreshments. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 14; 6:30 p.m.

Dream Interpretation For Teens - How-To

Teens, remember that crazy dream you had? Marianne Goldweber will help you interpret your dreams and learn what the symbolism means. Find out how to remember dreams better and learn the difference between daydreaming and night dreaming. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 22; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

LEGO® Challenge

Use your imagination and let our challenge inspire you to see what you can build. We have lots of LEGO®s for you to use and your creations will be displayed in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 24; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Spook-A-Rama For Kids

Preschoolers through fifth-graders are invited to have some not-so-scary Halloween fun with stories, music, games and treats. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 27; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tri-C Ghost Hunters Insights Into The Unknown

Do you believe in ghosts? You will after you see a presentation on the paranormal and ghost hunting by investigators from Tri-C Ghost Hunters! They collectively have been on over 700 investigations, from a small two-bedroom apartment in West Virginia to a large medieval castle in Scotland. They have over 140 years total experience in the paranormal field and have investigated nearly 200 locations, including many well-known haunted locations and numerous private homes. Come join us as they take you on a trip into the world of paranormal and ghost hunting as they present evidence from some of their most memorable investigations. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 31; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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November

Sunday, November 1 through Tuesday, December 1

Dinovember Photo Contest

Lorain Public Library System

Back after 65 million years! Dinosaurs have been getting into mischief while the library is closed. We'll post the evidence on our website and social media sites to show you. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or Tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. If you would like to drop off your photo, a form will be available in the library for you to fill out with your contact information. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of our locations, on our website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Monday, November 9; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Leaf Man Story And Art

Come to the library for a story and art project celebrating fall. We will read the book *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make an art project out of real leaves. For preschoolers through fifth-graders. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pirates Vs. Ninjas Party

Are you swarthy like a pirate or silent like a ninja? Choose a side at our pirates vs. ninjas party where we'll go on a pirate treasure hunt, play ninja wrap up and battle it out with *Minute to Win It* games! Don't forget to take home a pirate craft and decorate a ninja cookie too. Make sure to come dressed up in your pirate or ninja finery. Kindergartners through third-graders. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 12; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Monday, November 16; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Finger Painting Story Time

Toddlers and preschoolers, come join us for a special story time where we'll enjoy finger painting. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 19; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

– Preview open to Friends

Friday, November 20; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

– Open to public

Saturday, November 21; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

– Open to public

Book Sale & Preview

Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens. Book sale open to the public Friday and Saturday. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

Wednesday, November 25; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, November 26

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday, November 28; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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December

Saturday, December 5; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Holiday Mini Golf Open House

Head on over to the Avon Branch Library as part of your family holiday fun in Avon. Our fourth annual holiday open house offers story times, musical entertainment by Lakeside Saxophones and above all ... mini golf in the stacks! Light refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Avon Library and their elves.

Tuesday, December 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mad Scientist Marshmallow Party

Bring out the mad scientist in you with this all-marshmallow event! Play with marshmallow catapults, make marshmallow air shooters and build a marshmallow tower. Take a free mad scientist lab coat and munch on a marshmallow snack before heading home. Kindergartners through third-graders. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 12; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Star Wars Day

May the Force be with you as we celebrate the highly anticipated new movie. Come as your favorite character and meet other characters at this great family event. We'll have crafts, games and activities in honor of the movies, and a drawing to win a gift card to see the new film! Preregistration required.

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Avon Computer Programs

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PowerPoint For Beginners

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Monday, September 14; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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Tuesday, September 15; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Basic Computers

A hands-on introduction to computer basics, including email, word processing and the Internet. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 19; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

eMedia

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

Saturday, September 26; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Online Learning - How-To

Learn numerous skills using free resources featured on the Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) website. This class will introduce and demonstrate three special resources: Gale Courses, Khan Academy and LearningExpress Library. Gale Courses offers interactive, instructor-led classes similar to online courses offered by many colleges. The Khan Academy classroom tackles math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics and more. LearningExpress Library offers job search and workplace skills improvement, skill building in reading, writing, math and basic science, career certification and licensure exam prep, college and grad school entrance test prep, GED® test prep and more. These services are available at no charge to LPLS library cardholders. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 14; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Holiday Card Making For Kids

Kids and families, have fun making cards for your friends and family in time for the holiday season. We'll provide card making and decorating materials. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Holiday Cookbook Cookie Exchange

Do you have a holiday sweet tooth? Bring 4 dozen of your favorite holiday cookie (or choose a recipe from our many cookbooks) and swap them with other event goers to create a varied cookie tray to take home for the holiday season. Then share your cookie baking tips and learn some tricks of the trade! Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 17; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Saturday, December 19; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Snowballs Story And Art Program

Join us at the library for a story and art project celebrating winter. We will read the book *Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert and make an art project inspired by the book. Preregistration required.

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

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Saturday, October 17; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

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

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

Tech Help

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

Tuesday, November 10; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Saturday, December 26; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Writers Group

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Thursday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2016 with music, activities and a countdown to a balloon drop at noon. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 31; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and remain closed for New Year's Day.

Saturday, November 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Avon Book Discussions

Wednesday, September 2; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

The Fog Within

By Nick Shamhart

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



Tuesday, September 29; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

Anna's Crossing

By Suzanne Woods Fisher

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



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

Adult Book Discussion

Wild

By Cheryl Strayed

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



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

Adult Book Discussion

The Language Of Flowers

By Vanessa Diffenbaugh

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



Wednesday, November 4; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

Beloved

By Toni Morrison

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



Tuesday, November 24; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

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September

Monday, September 7
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 29; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Local Author Mary Doria Russell
Lorain County Reads
Spitzer Conference Center
1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria
Hear local author Mary Doria Russell speak at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center, located at 1005 N. Abbe Road in Elyria. She is the author of *Doc*, a national best-seller about Doc Holliday and the beginning of his friendship with Wyatt Earp, before the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the 6 o'clock hour. The author will start her presentation at 7 p.m. and take questions afterward. This event is a county-wide literary project through Lorain County Reads, a collaborative effort by the public libraries serving Lorain County. Preregistration is required by calling the Elyria Public Library System at 440-322-0175.

October

Friday, October 2; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Alcohol Ink Tile Dyeing - How-To
This beautiful and funky art form involves taking alcohol ink and applying it to common wall tile. The resulting piece can be used as unique wall art or even a coaster. All materials will be provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 5; 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Teen Volunteer Night
Calling all Columbia teens! Learn how you can volunteer at the Columbia Branch Library and receive service hours for your time. We will be discussing different volunteer opportunities that sixth through 12th-graders can participate in at the library. Also register for fall activities. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 6; 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Elephant And Piggie Adventure
Go on an adventure through stories and activities with Mo Willems' two fun characters Elephant and Piggie! Children ages 4 through 7. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, October 8; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Crafternoon - How-To
Adults, join us at the library for an afternoon of crafting fun. We'll be transforming a recycled book into a tome of spooky spells. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 8; 6 p.m.
Robotics - How-To
Working with a buddy, children in grades three through seven will enjoy fun, hands-on projects building and animating LEGO® robots. Have fun and develop critical STEM and problem-solving skills. Presented by Sylvan Learning. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 12; 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
– Preview open to Friends
Tuesday, October 13; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
– Open to public
Wednesday, October 14; noon - 7 p.m.
– Open to public
Thursday, October 15; noon - 7 p.m.
– Open to public
Friday, October 16; noon - 6 p.m.
– Bag and box sale open to public
Saturday, October 17; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
– Penny Day open to public
Book Sale & Preview
Admission to Monday's book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual membership that evening. The book sale is open to the public from Tuesday through Saturday and sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Look for great bargains on books, CDs, DVDs and more. Friday only - \$3 a bag, \$5 a box. Penny Day discount prices are in effect Saturday only. All remaining items will sell for 1 cent.

Monday, October 19 through
Thursday, October 22; regular library hours
Decorate Your Pumpkin As A Book Character Contest
Pick up a pumpkin at the Columbia Branch Library between Oct. 19 and Oct. 22. Work with your family to choose a favorite book character and transform your pumpkin into that character at home. Bring it back to the library by Oct. 26 to be put on display. Our patrons will vote on the pumpkins to determine a winner. The winner will be announced on Oct. 31. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Monday, October 19 through
Saturday, October 24; regular library hours
Teen Read Week™
Sixth through 12th-graders, celebrate Teen Read Week™ by creating a two-to-five minute video of yourself talking about or reading an excerpt from your favorite book that helps you "get away" from it all. Come into the branch and have library staff record you. These videos will be featured on the library's website, YouTube channel and other social media sites. Please have your parent or legal guardian fill out a release form so you can submit it before shooting your video. Forms will be available in the library.

Tuesday, October 20; 6 p.m.
The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting
Members are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help at fundraising events. New members and guests are welcome to attend and discover how they can become an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.

Wednesday, October 21; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Halloween Shindig
Sixth through 12th-graders, dig out your costumes and bring your sweet tooth to our Halloween party. We will have music, video games, board games and a costume contest. The winner will receive a makeup session for two with a professional haunted house makeup artist, a behind the scenes tour of Bloodview Haunted House, and a chance to be a part of the thrills and chills for one night. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 23; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
LEGO® Club
Bring your imagination once a month to Columbia Branch Library's LEGO® Club! Build with our LEGO® collection and have your creation put on display here at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 24; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Columbia Crafting Circle
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Monday, October 26; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Monster Mini Golf
Tee off with us as the Columbia Branch Library transforms into a monstrous miniature golf course. Bring your own putter or use one of ours. All ages are invited to play a round. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 27; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Chocolate Games
Teens in sixth grade and up, help us celebrate National Chocolate Day a day early. We'll sort M&M's, have relay races, a pie eating contest and more. Bring your friends and your sweet tooth. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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Monday, November 2; 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
ACT/SAT Practice Testing
Students, are you stressing out about taking college prep tests? We can help build your confidence. Sylvan Learning will visit to provide free practice tests. Tests will be scored and you will receive a personalized evaluation of your performance. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 4; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Beaded Jewelry Craft - How-To
Teens in sixth through 12th grade, stop by and make a unique beaded creation. Materials will be provided to create key chains, earrings, bracelets or necklaces. All materials will be provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 5; 6 p.m.
Bigfoot - Close To Home?
Marc DeWerth of Columbia Station has been a longtime Bigfoot investigator with over 20 years of experience. He is involved with groups like the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization and the Ohio Bigfoot Organization. This talk will center on the flap of recent sighting reports that have taken place in the Lorain and Medina County region over the last few years. DeWerth will also show a video he took in 1997 of a possible Sasquatch from Coshocton County. This is a family friendly event so children are more than welcome. Preregistration required.

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Monday, November 9; 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Job Skills - Resumes - How-To
If you are looking for a job or just want to update your resume and job search skills, join us as we review what is important to today's employers. Get your foot in the door with a resume that showcases your skills and tells the employer how you can benefit their company. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 11; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Cinderella Around The World
Hear different versions of the tale of Cinderella, play games and make a craft. For children ages 4 through 7. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 12; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Crafternoon - How-To
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Monday, November 16; 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Job Skills - Interviewing - How-To
If you are looking for a job or just want to update your job search skills, join us as we review what is important to today's employers. Interviewing questions have changed and so should your answers. The interview is your opportunity to sell yourself. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 16; 5:30 p.m.
Book Buzz
Attention book lovers! Want to learn about future best-sellers before they become best-sellers? How about a chance to read books before they are published? A Penguin Random House representative will present the buzz about forthcoming books and give readers the inside scoop. Advanced Readers Copies, book catalogs and tote bags will be available for attendees. Preregistration required.

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Thanksgiving Fun
A Thanksgiving-themed story time for children ages 3 through 7 with stories, crafts and games. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 24; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Video Game Night
Teens, grade six and up, stop by with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii® and PlayStation® on the big projector screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

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December

Tuesday, December 1; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Reindeer Fun**
Have fun and games at a reindeer story time. Enjoy stories, music and a craft for children ages 3 through 7 and their caregivers. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 2; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Finger Knitting Project - How-To
Get a head start on that handmade holiday gift for your loved ones here at the library with this simple and fun needle-less knitting project. All materials will be provided. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

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Monday, December 7; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Pj's AtThe Library
Wear your pj's to the library to hear bedtime stories and songs! For children ages 3 through 6 and their caregivers. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 8; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Mmm ... Pancakes
Wake up at the library with pancakes and stories. A story time for children ages 3 through 6 and their caregivers. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
It's An Elf Party
Join us for a little elfin fun for children ages 3 through 7. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 10; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Crafternoon - How-To
Adults, join us at the library for an afternoon of crafting fun. We'll be using book pages to make a festive holiday decoration. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 14; 5 p.m.
Hot Chocolate And A Movie
Join us for hot chocolate and a holiday movie. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 15; 10:15 a.m.
Hot Chocolate And A Holiday Cartoon
Join us for hot chocolate and a holiday cartoon. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, October 6; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mystery Book Discussion
And Then There Were None By Agatha Christie
Do you enjoy mysteries? Are you an armchair sleuth? Join our brand new book discussion group and sift through clues and red herrings with fellow mystery lovers. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 22; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Cookbook Discussion
The Soup & Bread Cookbook By Beatrice Ojakangas
Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 26; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion
A Sudden Light By Garth Stein
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 15; 6 p.m.
The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting
Members are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help at fundraising events. New members and guests are welcome to attend and discover how they can become an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.

Wednesday, December 16; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Video Game Night
Teens, grade six and up, stop by with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii® and PlayStation® on the big projector screen. Board games will also be available to play. Preregistration required.

Friday, December 18; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
LEGO® Club
Bring your imagination once a month to Columbia Branch Library's LEGO® Club! Build with our LEGO® collection and have your creation put on display here at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 19; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Columbia Writers
Have you ever wanted to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 30; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen End Of The Year Party
Happy holidays, Columbia teens! Sixth through 12th-graders, bring a friend and an optional treat to share with the group as we celebrate the upcoming new year. There will be games, music, food and of course fun. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Thursday, December 31; noon - 3 p.m.
Teddy Bear New Year's 2016 Sleepover
Bring your teddy bear to the Columbia Branch Library for a New Year's sleepover. Drop off your teddy bear at the library on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, by 3 p.m. Your teddy bear will go to a party at the library that night with other teddy bears and enjoy a relaxing New Year's Day at the library too! Your teddy bear will be all rested and ready for you to pick up on Saturday, Jan. 2. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 31; 6 p.m.
Lorain Public Library System Closing Early
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and remain closed for New Year's Day.

Wednesday, October 28; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Book Discussion
Red Queen By Victoria Aveyard
Teens in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to sit in and speak out in our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mystery Book Discussion
Still Life By Louise Penny
Do you enjoy mysteries? Are you an armchair sleuth? Join our brand new book discussion group and sift through clues and red herrings with fellow mystery lovers. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 18; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Book Discussion
Mechanica By Betsy Cornwell
Teens in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to sit in and speak out in our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Computer Programs

Saturday, October 3; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
PowerPoint For Beginners
Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 19; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Downloading eBooks And Audiobooks - How-To
Participants will learn about the library's OverDrive media and Axis 360 services, which can be used to download eBooks, audiobooks and more. The instructor will do some how-to demonstrations. The participants will learn about the various kinds of eBooks that can be downloaded or viewed on one's computer or device. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 22; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Hoopla, Freegal And Zinio - Download And/Or Stream Movies, Magazines And More - How-To
Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable and/or streaming magazines, movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks. Get an overview of what Hoopla, Freegal and Zinio are, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 29; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Make Your Own Greeting Cards - How-To
Create your own personalized greeting card using Microsoft Publisher. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 30; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Pinterest 101 - How-To
Come and learn about the popular website Pinterest. With Pinterest you can collect or "pin" images you love online. Learn how to create an account, collect and organize pins on boards, follow people and more! To create a Pinterest account, you must have an email address prior to class. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 31; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Excel For Beginners
Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 19; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Cookbook Discussion
From Mama's Table To Mine By Bobby Deen
Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 23; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion
We Are Not Ourselves By Matthew Thomas
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mystery Book Discussion
Silent Night By Robert B. Parker
Do you enjoy mysteries? Are you an armchair sleuth? Join our brand new book discussion group and sift through clues and red herrings with fellow mystery lovers. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

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Tuesday, November 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
File Management - How-To
A beginner's guide to managing files and folders on your computer and other assorted Windows skills. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 21; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Tech Help
Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the Internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 30; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Email For Beginners
Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 5; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Internet For Beginners
Become familiar with Internet basics, visiting websites and using Internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about the LearningExpress Library service available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Story Time

Mondays, October 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fall Family Story Time
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for families with children between the ages of 3 and 7. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, October 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time
Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 6. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, October 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Toddler Story Time
A story time for beginning walkers to 35-month-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes. Preregistration required.

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Monday, December 14; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion
Wishin' 'And Hopin' By Wally Lamb
Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 17; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Cookbook Discussion
Chloe's Vegan Desserts By Chloe Coscarelli
Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 23; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Teen Book Discussion
Winter By Marissa Meyer
Teens in sixth through 12th grade are welcome to sit in and speak out in our monthly book discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

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September

Saturday, September 5; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
An Old-Fashioned Grandparents Day
Preschoolers through fourth-graders, come to the library with your grandparents to celebrate Grandparents Day. Enjoy great classic games, crafts and some stories, and a fun photo opportunity too! Preregistration required.

Monday, September 7
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
The NASA Glenn Research Center Past, Present And Future
For over 50 years, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been at the leading edge in new technological discoveries and exploring the great beyond. Join the library in welcoming NASA as they discuss the history of the Glenn Research Center in Cleveland and what programs they are currently researching. Learn some local history, as well as new facts that are sure to be out of this world! Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Guitar Tuning 101 - How-To
Do you have a guitar at home that you cannot get in tune? Or are you new to guitar and cannot figure out how those six knobs work? Visit the library, bring your guitar and learn how to tune your instrument using both technology and your ear. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 14; 6 p.m.
Movie Classics Club
Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library! Movies from the '30s through the '60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 15; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night We're Going Back To Hogwarts!
Just like Muggle students, wizarding students return to school in the fall. School-age children, come to the library to experience Hogwarts just like Harry Potter did in the books. Get sorted into houses, learn spells, play a game of quidditch and more! Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 17; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board
Sixth through 12th-graders, here's your chance to volunteer your time, energy and ideas to help make the library better for our 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. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 17; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Anime Night
Moshi-moshi! Come join the library and your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime! Over the course of the series we will view a variety of shows. Whether it's shoyo or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone! Bring a friend to share a movie and a snack. Preregistration required.



Wednesday, September 23; 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
– Preview open to Friends
Thursday, September 24; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
– Open to public
Friday, September 25; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
– Open to public
Saturday, September 26; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
– Open to public

Domonkas Friends Of The Library Book Sale & Preview
Admission to Wednesday's book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. The book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System and is open to the public from Thursday through Saturday. Look for great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more!

Tuesday, September 29; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Local Author Mary Doria Russell Lorain County Reads
Spitzer Conference Center
1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria
Hear local author Mary Doria Russell speak at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center, located at 1005 N. Abbe Road in Elyria. She is the author of *Doc*, a national best-seller about Doc Holliday and the beginning of his friendship with Wyatt Earp, before the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the 6 o'clock hour. The author will start her presentation at 7 p.m. and take questions afterward. This event is a county-wide literary project through Lorain County Reads, a collaborative effort by the public libraries serving Lorain County. Preregistration is required by calling the Elyria Public Library System at 440-322-0175.

Tuesday, September 29; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Make A Sourdough Starter - How-To
As part of our how-to series, adults are invited to learn about sourdough starters and how they work. Then taste a sample of a basic sourdough bread. Recipes for your collection and tips for making your own starter will be provided for all attendees. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Domonkas Writing Group The Lakeview Pen
Patrons, are you feeling creative? Do you need an outlet to help you write? Then look no further! Come to the library for a monthly meeting to sharpen your writing skills. Bring drafts of your work, and be prepared to critique as well as have others review your writing. Preregistration required.

October

Monday, October 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Ghost's Choice - Stay Or Go Home
Get your fright on with ghoulish information as we welcome Melinda Carver, a celebrity psychic, host of *Positive Perspectives* and *Mystical Muse* radio shows, and lifelong medium. Here at the library, she will discuss the ins and outs of ghost hunting, and what causes spirits to hang around or move on from their local hauntings. This is sure to be a spirited discussion you do not want to miss. Sign up today! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Clever Book Beads - How-To
Feeling crafty and have some old books that you were considering donating to your local library? Visit the library to learn how to upcycle your old paperbacks and create funky new jewelry with book beads. Space is limited. Bead there or be square! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 12; 6 p.m.
Movie Classics Club
Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library! Movies from the '30s through the '60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night (Not So) Grimm Fairy Tales
Enjoy some well-known fairy tales such as *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Hansel and Gretel*, plus a few you might never have heard before! School-age children and their families, have fun through stories, games and crafts with a not so "Grimm" twist. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Boo To You! - A Pet Ghost Craft
Patrons, come to the library for a frightening craft that will lift your spirits! Learn how to create a boo-tiful autumn decoration with our pet ghost craft! All of the supplies will be provided, just bring your spooky imagination and be ready to create your own friendly specter! Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 15; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board
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Anime Night
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Saturday, October 17; 2 p.m.
Monster Mash Mini Golf
Patrons of all ages, come celebrate the fall with a bone rattling game of indoor golf! Families, use your beastly skills to defeat these bewitching levels of mini golf throughout the library. Enjoy monstrous fun and sweet treats for all. Do not be a ghoul, register today! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 19; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mad Murder In Wonderland A Murder Mystery Party
Can it really be a murderous Monday at the Domonkas Branch Library? Come celebrate this ghoulish season with a literary murder mystery party as we figure out who murdered the beloved blonde heroine of Wonderland. Every participant is a suspect but in the end, we will figure out who is madder than the Hatter! Do not be late for this very important party date. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mad Science Grim And Gross Body Science
Calling all mad scientists! Celebrate this spooky time of year by learning about the gross and grimy functions of the human body. Disgusting facts and visuals will leave your hair standing on end! Yucky fun for school-age children. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night - Monster Camp
School-age children and their families, come learn how to be a monster at this special training camp. Learn special "scare" tactics through games, earn your official monster title and create some monster crafts. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 28; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Domonkas Writing Group The Lakeview Pen
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Thursday, October 29; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thrilling Teen Movie Spooktacular
Teens, enter the library if you dare! It's time to raise your monster spirit with a spooky PG or PG-13 movie! Come to the library to enjoy a horror-ible film and treats. Even perform some favorite tricks while we celebrate this ghoulish time of year. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 31; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Halloween Spooktacular
Not-so-scary Halloween fun for preschoolers through fourth-graders. Enjoy stories, games, crafts and treats, and wear your favorite costume. A great photo opportunity! Preregistration required.

November

Sunday, November 1 through Tuesday, December 1
Dinovermonth Photo Contest
Lorain Public Library System
Back after 65 million years! Dinosaurs have been getting into mischief while the library is closed. We'll post the evidence on our website and social media sites to show you. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or Tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovermonth. If you would like to drop off your photo, a form will be available in the library for you to fill out with your contact information. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of our locations, on our website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Thursday, November 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mad Science - Marble Madness
Attention all future engineers! Get ready for some wild experiments with marbles. Learn about physics and hone your problem-solving skills during a race to the finish line in a mad marble experiment! Preregistration required.

Monday, November 9; 6 p.m.
Movie Classics Club
Adults are invited to enjoy a screening of the classic film of the month at the library! Movies from the '30s through the '60s will be shown - mostly black and white. Come join us for a trip down memory lane. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night Alice's Adventures In The Library
Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the beloved children's classic *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* with themed games and crafts, stories and light refreshments. Perfect for school-age children and families. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 11; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Domonkas Writing Group The Lakeview Pen
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Thursday, November 12; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Anime Bash
Fans of anime and the Otaku life, visit the library for some shonen and shoyo fun as we celebrate all things anime! Come dressed as your favorite character, enjoy some trivia and play some fun, action-packed games. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 14; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Construct-A-Saurus
Children in preschool through fourth grade, come build a giant stegosaurus with our friends from the French Creek Nature Center. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
More Than Skin Deep - Tattoos And You
Tattoos were once considered totally unacceptable in a respectable society but have become widely popular within the past two decades. Join the library in welcoming local tattoo artist David Gibson, who will explain some of the history and culture of tattoos, as well as the various styles and artistry that is practiced today. If you are interested in debunking the myths or are preparing for your first tattoo, then register today! Preregistration required.

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Saturday, November 21; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Teen Movie Matinee

Teens, take a break and check out a PG or PG-13 movie at the library. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun flick and a snack on a lazy afternoon.

Tuesday, November 24; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night

Make Like A Tree And Leave!

Leaves are nature's decoration for fall. Learn why leaves change color, create a leaf craft and play autumn-themed games at this family-oriented program. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 25; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, November 26

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday, November 28; 2 p.m.

Rock 'N' Roll History

The (First) British Invasion - 1963 To 1967

Calling all rock 'n' roll fans! Join us at the library for a British invasion! Welcome Dr. Joel S. Keller as he discusses the events leading up to the British Invasion, including background and historical information followed by a chronology of events. Enjoy the sounds of The Animals to The Zombies, as well as other classic and iconic British bands. Make everything groovy and be sure to sign up early! Preregistration required.

December

Wednesday, December 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

History Of Lake Erie Navigation From Canoes To 1,000 Footers

Join us as we welcome Dr. Charles Herdendorf from the Sheffield Village Historical Society who will present fascinating information about the history of Lake Erie's navigators! Great program for everyone interested in local Lake Erie events, sailors and their vessels. Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mad Science - Candy Cane Science

Who knew we could use candy canes, a holiday staple, to learn about science? Come to the library for some festive experiments to learn all about these sweet, striped confections. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Oh Snap! - A Holiday Cookie Swap

'Tis the season for some festive sweets! Come to the Domonkas Branch Library for an adult cookie swap party. Enjoy some holiday cheer as each participant brings in their favorite holiday treat and will swap it with one another until you end up with a variety that even jolly St. Nick would appreciate! Each participating patron should bring two dozen cookies of their recipe. Join in and spread some love and cookie dough here at the library! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Snow Better Winter Craft!

Adults, even if you are feeling a little blue during the holidays, come to this festive craft night at the library! Together we will create a merry ornament that will warm your heart. Enjoy the holly jolly spirit of the holidays and take home your own festive ornament! Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Holiday Cupcake Wars

Teens, celebrate the holidays in the best way possible - by decorating outrageous cupcakes! Create crazy concoctions using more toppings than you can imagine and see if you win the battle for the most festive cupcake! Don't be a grinch - have fun with us this holiday season! Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 12; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast With Santa

Children, enjoy a light continental breakfast with Santa along with stories and a craft. Get your cameras ready for this special photo opportunity! For preschoolers and up with an adult. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 14; 6 p.m.

Movie Classics Club

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Tuesday, December 15; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Build A Candy House

Build a gingerbread-style candy house to help decorate your home for the holiday season. Parents are encouraged to join their school-age children in the construction process. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 17; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Anime Night

Moshi-moshi! Come join the library and your fellow tomodachis and enjoy anime! Over the course of the series we will view a variety of shows. Whether it's shoji or shonen, there will be entertainment for everyone! Bring a friend to share a movie and a snack. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 30; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Domonkas Writing Group The Lakeview Pen

Patrons, are you feeling creative? Do you need an outlet to help you write? Then look no further! Come to the library for a monthly meeting to sharpen your writing skills. Bring drafts of your work, and be prepared to critique as well as have others review your writing. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Families with children in kindergarten through fourth grade, join us to ring in the new year. We'll have stories, crafts and a ball drop at this fun celebration. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 31; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and remain closed for New Year's Day.

Computer Programs

Tuesday, September 1; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 3; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Computer Basics

New to computers? Get started here with an introduction to the parts of a computer, as well as the basic operating system of Windows 7. This is also a good course to take if you just want to brush up on some basic computer knowledge. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 6; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Resume And Email Techniques

In today's competitive job market, it is important to learn new resume skills, as well as understand how many applications are moving to cyberspace. Come to the library to learn new tips and tricks to make your resume stand out from the rest, and then learn how to easily apply online and attach your resume to your email. Please bring a copy of your resume, your valid email address and password. Preregistration required.

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

Online Learning - How-To

Learn numerous skills using free resources featured on the Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) website. This class will introduce and demonstrate three special resources: Gale Courses, Khan Academy and LearningExpress Library. Gale Courses offers interactive, instructor-led classes similar to online courses offered by many colleges. The Khan Academy classroom tackles math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics and more. LearningExpress Library offers job search and workplace skills improvement, skill building in reading, writing, math and basic science, career certification and licensure exam prep, college and grad school entrance test prep, GED® test prep and more. These services are available at no charge to LPLS library cardholders. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 3; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

eMedia And Online Catalog

Are you a frequent library user but unsure of how to navigate the library's online presence? Visit the Domonkas Branch Library and learn how to download electronic media, such as books, audiobooks and movies, onto your NOOK, Kindle or other tablet. We will also discuss and demonstrate various techniques to best utilize our online catalog. Be sure to bring your device, as well as an open mind! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 1; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tech Help

Do you have an electronic device that is giving you trouble? Feeling overwhelmed with some applications on your tablet? Then come to the library for this open session of technical advice and to learn some tips and tricks that will make your digital life a little easier! For best results, bring your tablet or laptop to the session! Preregistration required.

Story Time

Monday, September 14; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Space

Monday, September 21; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Transportation

Monday, September 28; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Fall

Monday, October 5; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Fairy Tales

Monday, October 19; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Pumpkins

Monday, October 26; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Monsters

Monday, November 2; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Elephants And Donkeys Vote

Monday, November 9; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Alice In Wonderland

Monday, November 16; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Dinosaurs

Monday, November 23; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Thanksgiving

Monday, December 7; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Holiday Songs

Monday, December 14; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Gingerbread

Monday, December 21; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time - Santa Claus

Toddler Story Time

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

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Book Discussions

Tuesday, September 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion

If you like reading and learning about cooking, you'll enjoy this adult get-together to explore the world of food. Review the 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 welcome. Preregistration required.



Monday, September 28; 7 p.m.

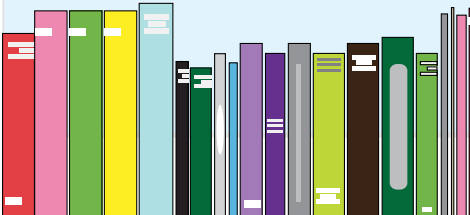
Monday, October 26; 7 p.m.

Monday, November 30; 7 p.m.

Monday, December 28; 7 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion

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



Exercise Program

Saturdays, October 10, 24; November 21, 28;

December 19; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Zumba

Patrons, looking for an enjoyable way to work up a sweat? Then come to our Zumba classes, where you dance and move your way to fitness! Feel free to bring a towel and some water, and be sure to dress comfortably so you can move to the Zumba beat! Preregistration required.



North Ridgeville Branch

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W Noon-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

September

Saturday, September 5; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Browser's® Buddies**

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

Saturday, September 5; 10:30 a.m. - noon **Chalk The Walk**

Families are invited to drop by anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon to help us decorate the sidewalks outside the library. If it rains, we'll move the fun indoors.

Monday, September 7
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 8; 10:30 a.m. - noon
Thursday, September 10; 10:30 a.m. - noon
Peewee Picassos

Help! The library needs to clean out its craft closet. Did you miss a story time craft? Or perhaps you have a favorite craft that you'd like to remake. Here's your chance! Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon to make a special craft while supplies last. Intended for ages 2 and up.

Wednesday, September 9; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mad Science - Optical Illusions
First through fifth-graders, you'll be astounded at how easy it is to create your very own optical illusions. No X-ray vision needed! Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 12; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Under The Library's Big Top A Carnival Event

Come one, come all to a special afternoon at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Drop by anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. to help us kick off the autumn season with a bang, as we transform the library into a carnival! Of course, no carnival is complete without some exhilarating games and prizes.

Tuesday, September 15; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Tween & Teen Nail Art - How-To
Get creative and turn your fingernails into works of art at this fun, interactive program. Bring your favorite nail polish and learn some basic tools and techniques to create exciting designs. Intended for fifth-graders and up. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 18; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Station
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

Wednesday, September 23; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
LEGO® Math Madness
Kindergartners through fifth-graders, learn how to use LEGO®s to play math games, solve math problems and build math graphs. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 29; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Local Author Mary Doria Russell
Lorain County Reads
Spitzer Conference Center
1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria
Hear local author Mary Doria Russell speak at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center, located at 1005 N. Abbe Road in Elyria. She is the author of *Doc*, a national best-seller about Doc Holliday and the beginning of his friendship with Wyatt Earp, before the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the 6 o'clock hour.

The author will start her presentation at 7 p.m. and take questions afterward. This event is a county-wide literary project through Lorain County Reads, a collaborative effort by the public libraries serving Lorain County. Preregistration is required by calling the Elyria Public Library System at 440-322-0175.

October

Saturday, October 3; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Browser's® Buddies**

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

Saturday, October 3; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Music From Bach To Rockin' Non-Musical Movies
Adults and teens, join Dr. Joel Keller of North Ridgeville for a historical look at the use of music in silent films, talkies and commercial movies. Dr. Keller will explain how sound, specifically music, is integrated into movies. Watch scenes from a number of movies and learn about the musical artists and more. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Monday, October 5; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The Friends Of The North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. General Membership Meeting
General membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members are welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale and other fundraisers.

Wednesday, October 7; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Potty Training Boot Camp - How-To
Parents are invited to attend a program with local Avon Lake author Teri Crane of the best-selling book *Potty Train Your Child in Just One Day: Proven Secrets of the Potty Pro*. Potty training tips and suggestions will be provided to help you beat the clock in time for preschool. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 10; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Star Wars Reads Day
Star Wars Reads Day returns! Kindergartners through first-graders, join us for an adventure of intergalactic proportions. Come prepared to master some Jedi mind tricks, make your own lightsaber and even defeat Darth Vader. Origami Yoda may even make an appearance! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 14; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Night
Do you love to build with LEGO®s? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 15; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald A Great Lakes Mystery
The National Museum of the Great Lakes is located in Toledo, Ohio. The museum is offering this program about the "Fitz" to observe the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. A speaker from the museum will talk about one of the most famous unsolved mysteries of the Great Lakes - the cause of the sinking of the 729-foot freighter on Nov. 10, 1975. Twenty-nine crew on board lost their lives. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Friday, October 16; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Station
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

Tuesday, October 20; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Tween & Teen Marshmallow Catapult Fun - How-To
What's more fun than eating marshmallows? Launching them of course! Tweens and teens, come to the library and build your very own marshmallow catapult. Intended for sixth-graders and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 22; 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
– Preview open to Friends
Friday, October 23; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
– Open to public
Saturday, October 24; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
– Open to public
Sunday, October 25; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
– Open to public

Book Sale & Preview
Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Book sale is open to the public Friday through Sunday. Large assortment of books, movies and puzzles for all ages. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Books sold by the bag on Sunday.

Saturday, October 31; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Monster Mash Party
Join us for a ghoulishly good time as we listen to spooky stories, dance along to some howlin' good tunes and try our hands at some spooktacular games. Feel free to come in a costume! Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

November

Sunday, November 1 through Tuesday, December 1
Dinovember Photo Contest
Lorain Public Library System

Back after 65 million years! Dinosaurs have been getting into mischief while the library is closed. We'll post the evidence on our website and social media sites to show you. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or Tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. If you would like to drop off your photo, a form will be available in the library for you to fill out with your contact information. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of our locations, on our website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Wednesday, November 4; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mad Science – Magical Salt Creations
Kindergartners through fifth-graders, you'll be amazed at how art and science come together in this colorful absorption experiment. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser's® Buddies
Browser's® Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 7; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid Party
Calling all *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* fans! Help the library celebrate the release of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* with hilarious games, trivia and comics. The stinky cheese may even make a special appearance. Intended for ages 6 and up. Preregistration required.

Friday, November 13; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Exploration Station
Two through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

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Tuesday, November 17; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Teddy Bear Sleepover
Did you ever wonder what your stuffed animals do at night? Bring your favorite stuffed animal to a library sleepover. Begin the night with bedtime stories and some fun sleepover games, and then kiss your animal good night so they can begin their sleepover. Don't forget to wear your pajamas. Find out what they did when you pick them up the following day. Pickup begins Wednesday after 2 p.m. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 21; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tween & Teen Pizza And Movie Matinee
Sixth through 12th-graders, join the library in a cinematic adventure. Enjoy a PG-13 movie while eating a slice of scrumptious pizza pie. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 25; 6 p.m.
Lorain Public Library System Closing Early
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, November 26
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

December

Wednesday, December 2; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Gingerbread House Workshop - How-To
Families are welcome to come create a graham cracker house decorated with icing and candy. PLEASE NOTE: We ask that each family bring along a bag of small candies and a box of graham crackers to share and we will supply the rest of the materials to make your gingerbread house. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

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

Tuesday, December 15; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Tween & Teen Sharpie Magic - How-To
Tweens and teens, come to the library and flex your creative muscles by making your very own Sharpie-inspired canvas portrait. Intended for sixth-graders and up. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 23; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Day
Do you love to build with LEGO®s? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO®s and you supply the ideas and creations. Intended for ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
Lorain Public Library System Closed
The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Thursday, December 31; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Noon Year's Eve Celebration
Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2016 with music, a ball drop and countdown at noon. PLEASE NOTE: Preregistration is required for all attending - children and caregivers. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 31; 6 p.m.
Lorain Public Library System Closing Early
The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and remain closed for New Year's Day.



Computer Programs

Thursday, September 10; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Websites For Book Lovers - How-To

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

Monday, September 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 17; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 26; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 29; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Monday, September 21; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 24; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 3; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

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

Monday, September 28; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 1; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, November 9; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 12; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Downloading eBooks And Audiobooks

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

Wednesday, September 30; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 30; 1 p.m. - 3 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. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with staff members. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 5; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 8; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, December 7; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 10; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Learn Internet basics, online search tools and pointers for evaluating Web content. Learn about the LearningExpress Library service available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 19; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 22; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, November 16; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 19; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Facebook And Twitter For Beginners

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

Monday, November 2; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 5; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Word 2007 For Beginners

Learn the basics about Microsoft Word 2007, including the formatting and editing necessary for creating a basic document. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

PowerPoint 2007 For Beginners

Learn how to present information in a slideshow format with Microsoft PowerPoint 2007. Good computer skills are recommended. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 17; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Excel 2007 For Beginners

This introductory class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel, a popular spreadsheet program. Students will learn about working with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identifying rows and columns, entering data into cells and ranges, and creating simple mathematical formulas. Preregistration required.

Saturdays, September 5, 19;

October 3, 17, 31;

November 14, 28;

December 12, 26; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

North Ridgeville Writers

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

North Ridgeville Story Times

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. (Session 1)

Mondays, November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. (Session 2)

Thursdays, September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. (Session 1)

Thursdays, November 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; 10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. (Session 2)

Sittin' And Scootin' - Story Time For Babies

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

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Session 1)

Mondays, November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Session 2)

Thursdays, September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Session 1)

Thursdays, November 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Session 2)

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

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

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19; 11:30 a.m. - noon (Session 1)

Mondays, November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14; 11:30 a.m. - noon (Session 2)

Wigglein' And Waddlin' - Story Time For Babies

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

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19; 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Session 1)

Mondays, November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14; 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Session 2)

Prime Time Preschool Story Time

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

Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. (Session 1)

Tuesdays, November 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. (Session 2)

Thrilling Threes - Story Time For 3-Year-Olds

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

Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (Session 1)

Tuesdays, November 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (Session 2)

Thursdays, September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22; 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Session 1)

Thursdays, November 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Session 2)

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

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

Thursdays, September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22; 11:30 a.m. - noon (Session 1)

Thursdays, November 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; 11:30 a.m. - noon (Session 2)

Thursdays, September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 1)

Thursdays, November 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2)

Rhythm And Rhyme Family Story Time

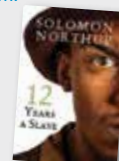
A toe-tappin' story time for families with children ages 2 to 6 years old. Families not signed up for other story time sessions are welcome to join us for stories with a beat, exciting tunes and jazzy crafts. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Wednesday, September 9; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies Adult Book Discussion Twelve Years A Slave By Solomon Northup

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



Wednesday, September 16; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It Mystery Book Discussion Mad River By John Sandford

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



Tuesday, September 22; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Afternoon Book Discussion

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



Wednesday, October 14; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies Adult Book Discussion To Kill A Mockingbird By Harper Lee

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



Wednesday, October 21; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It Mystery Book Discussion The Secret Place By Tana French

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



Wednesday, November 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 2; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title at this new time on the first Wednesday morning each month. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. Preregistration required.



Wednesday, November 11; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies Adult Book Discussion The Coldest Night By Robert Olmstead

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



Wednesday, November 18; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It Mystery Book Discussion One Shot By Lee Child

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



Wednesday, December 9; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies Adult Book Discussion Skipping Christmas By John Grisham

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



Wednesday, December 16; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It Mystery Book Discussion The Twelve Clues Of Christmas By Rhys Bowen

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



South Lorain Branch

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Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

* Closed Sundays from May through September
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September

Monday, September 7

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 8; 6 p.m.

Save A Life - How-To

Learn emergency first aid procedure from licensed American Red Cross instructor Anne Dabrowski. She will cover CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, what to do in cases of severe bleeding and more. The knowledge acquired from this program may save someone's life. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 14; 5:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night

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

Thursday, September 17; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cook's Corner - Hispanic Heritage Month - How-To

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning how to make traditional Mexican enchiladas. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 19; 2 p.m.

Apple Pickin' - How-To

Get ready for that trip to the orchard with Jenny Miller of Miller Orchards, located in Amherst, Ohio. Jenny will not only teach you how to select the perfect apple, but she will talk about the distinguishing features of different apple varieties, as well as provide information about all of the delicious fruit that is grown at the orchard. Plus, there will be different types of apples to sample, homemade cider to taste and recipes to share. Fun for the whole family. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 22; 6 p.m.

Life-Size Mummy Project

Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This four-session project includes the constructing of a life-size paper-mache mummy, Frankenstein's monster, plus much more. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 24; 6 p.m.

Life-Size Mummy Project

Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This four-session project includes the constructing of a life-size papier-mache mummy, Frankenstein's monster, plus much more. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 28; 6 p.m.

Life-Size Mummy Project

Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This four-session project includes the constructing of a life-size papier-mache mummy, Frankenstein's monster, plus much more. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 29; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Local Author Mary Doria Russell Lorain County Reads

Spitzer Conference Center

1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria

Hear local author Mary Doria Russell speak at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center, located at 1005 N. Abbe Road in Elyria. She is the author of *Doc*, a national best-seller about Doc Holliday and the beginning of his friendship with Wyatt Earp, before the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the 6 o'clock hour. The author will start her presentation at 7 p.m. and take questions afterward. This event is a county-wide literary project through Lorain County Reads, a collaborative effort by the public libraries serving Lorain County. Preregistration is required by calling the Elyria Public Library System at 440-322-0175.

October

Thursday, October 1; 6 p.m.

Life-Size Mummy Project

Help us make Halloween decorations for the library. This four-session project includes the constructing of a life-size papier-mache mummy, Frankenstein's monster, plus much more. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 12; 6 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Craft For Kids - How-To

Join us to make a craft in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. This session is for children of all ages. An adults only session is Oct. 15. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 15; 6 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Craft For Adults - How-To

Join us to make a craft in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. This session is for adults only. Families and children are welcome to sign up for the related session on Oct. 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 21; 6 p.m.

Ghost Hunting 101 - Haunted Houses

Do you believe in ghosts? You will after you see a presentation on the paranormal and ghost hunting by Greg Feketik and members of Tri-C Ghost Hunters. These ghost hunters have been on over 130 investigations throughout the world! Join us as they take you on a trip into the world of poltergeists. Preregistration required.



Thursdays, September 10, 24; October 8, 22;

November 5, 19; December 17; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

South Lorain Writers Group

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

F *Monday, October 26; 6 p.m.*

Halloween Spooktacular

Put on your costume and join us for a fun night of stories and candy. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 29; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Campfire Ghost Stories

School-age children are invited to get spooked by our campfire as we tell our favorite ghost stories. If you have a story to tell, we want to hear yours too! Preregistration required.

November

Sunday, November 1 through

Tuesday, December 1

Dinovember Photo Contest

Lorain Public Library System

Back after 65 million years! Dinosaurs have been getting into mischief while the library is closed. We'll post the evidence on our website and social media sites to show you. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. If you would like to drop off your photo, a form will be available in the library for you to fill out with your contact information. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Monday, November 2; 6 p.m.

Aquarium Fundamentals - A Fish Story - How-To

Are you considering getting an aquarium, perhaps as a holiday gift? If so, join James Martincic of Aquatic Dreams and find out everything that you will need to get started. James will discuss the benefits of owning an aquarium, tank sizes, fresh water versus salt water, cost, accessories, maintenance, fish compatibility and more. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 3; 6 p.m.

Zentangle® For Beginners - How-To

Create Zentangle-inspired art in this hands-on workshop where we will learn how to make beautiful pieces using patterns and doodles. Doodling is both fun and liberating when you learn to embrace self-expression through the use of simple designs. No previous art or drawing experience is needed. Join Lorain Public Library System's Assistant Director, Toni Whitney, to learn this art form. Preregistration required.

F *Thursday, November 12; 6 p.m.*

Teen Game Night

Join us for a fun night of board games and activities. Make sure to bring a friend! Preregistration required.

F *Wednesday, November 25; 6 p.m.*

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, November 26

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Thanksgiving.

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December

Thursday, December 3; 6 p.m.

Book Talk 2015

Looking for a good book or a new author to read? Perhaps you're looking for book and CD recommendations for Christmas gifts? Come to the library for an evening of conversation about our favorite adult and young adult books of 2015. We will even recommend new DVDs and CDs that may have gone under your radar. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 9; 6 p.m.

Adult Christmas Craft

Adults, join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. The session will be presented by Liz Guilkey of Pat Catan's craft center. Families and children are invited to attend a similar program on Dec. 10. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 10; 6 p.m.

Make A Christmas Ornament

Stop in to make a unique ornament just in time for the holidays. This event is for families and children of all ages. A related program for adults only is on Dec. 9. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 14; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Magic With Santa

Families of all ages and sizes, join us for a special Christmas-themed magic show, then stay to meet Santa! Preregistration required.

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

Christmas Cartoon Night

Families and children of all ages are invited to watch some classic Christmas cartoons. Snacks and bottled beverages are permitted. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25

Lorain Public Library System Closed

The Lorain Public Library System is closed for Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day.

Thursday, December 31; 11:30 a.m.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Join us as we ring in the new year a little early with activities, fun and dancing. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 31; 6 p.m.

Lorain Public Library System Closing Early

The Lorain Public Library System will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and remain closed for New Year's Day.

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South Lorain Story Times

Monday, September 21;

October 19;

November 2, 16, 30; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time

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

Monday, October 5; 6 p.m.

Family Fun Time - Hispanic Heritage - Storyteller Lindsay Bonilla

Families of all ages and sizes, join us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with storyteller Lindsay Bonilla. This interactive storytelling session can't be missed! Preregistration required.



South Lorain Computer Programs

Saturday, September 5; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Computers For Beginners

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

Saturday, September 12; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Internet For Beginners

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

Saturday, September 19; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Excel For Beginners

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

Saturday, October 10; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Introduction To Social Media

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

Saturday, October 17; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Word For Beginners

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

Saturday, October 24; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. PowerPoint For Beginners

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

Saturday, November 7; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. eMedia

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

Saturday, November 14; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Excel For Beginners

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

Saturday, November 28; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tech Help

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

Saturday, December 5; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Introduction To Social Media

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

Friday, December 18; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. eMedia

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

Exercise Programs

Tuesdays, September 1, 15, 29;
October 13, 27;
November 10, 24; 6 p.m.

Zumba

Adults, get the workout of your life while dancing to hot beats.

Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
6 p.m.

Tai Chi For Beginners

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



South Lorain Book Discussions

Thursday, September 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Special Book Discussion Go Set A Watchman By Harper Lee

Over fifty years after winning the Pulitzer Prize, *To Kill A Mockingbird* remains a beloved best-seller and quite possibly the most influential American novel of the 20th century. Come and join us to discuss the newly published work of Harper Lee, *Go Set A Watchman*. Preregistration required.



Tuesday, September 15; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion The Good Spy: The Life And Death Of Robert Ames By Kai Bird

Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Kai Bird paints a compelling portrait of the remarkable life and death of one of the most important operatives in CIA history - a man who, had he lived, might have helped heal the rift between Arabs and the West. This book is a masterpiece-level narrative of the making of a CIA officer, a uniquely insightful history of 20th century conflict in the Middle East, and an absorbing hour-by-hour account of the Beirut Embassy bombing. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



Tuesday, October 20; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil: A Savannah Story By John Berendt

Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. This seductive and sublime account of Savannah, Georgia, has become a modern classic. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



Tuesday, November 17; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion The Narrow Road To The Deep North By Richard Flanagan

Dorrigio Evans must save the men under his command while being held in a brutal Japanese POW camp on the Thai-Burma Death Railway during WWII. A savagely beautiful novel about the many forms of good and evil, and truth and transcendence. Winner of the 2014 Man Booker Prize. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



Tuesday, December 15; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Toms River: A Story Of Science And Salvation By Dan Fagin

The riveting true story of a small town ravaged by industrial pollution, *Toms River* melds hard-hitting investigative reporting, a fascinating scientific detective story and an unforgettable cast of characters into a sweeping narrative. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library's circulation desk one month prior to the discussion. Join us.



Chess Club

Wednesdays, September 16, 23, 30;
October 7, 14, 21, 28;
November 4, 11, 18, 25; 4 p.m.

After School Chess Club - How-To
Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Preregistration required.



The Benefits of Having an Online Library Account

So you have a library card and you've been borrowing books, movies and music from the library. Perhaps you've even used our online catalog to look for library materials. Congratulations! You are not only supporting your libraries, you are also a smart consumer.

But wouldn't it be great if you could easily request today's hottest titles? It'd be even better if you could receive a text when they're available for you.

Do you often forget when your library materials are due? It'd be convenient to somehow check that easily.

Well guess what: You can do all of that and more! Sign up for a free online library account and stay ahead of the game.

Visit LorainPublicLibrary.org and click on *My Account*. All you need is your library card number and PIN to sign in. Your default PIN is the last four digits of the phone number you gave when signing up for your library card.

You can also manage your library account on the go, on your mobile devices. Get the CLEVNET app, available for iPhone and Android devices.

Here are some of the perks of having an online library account:

- **Recommendations.** Follow other library users, look for best-sellers and award winners, see related titles and more.
- **New releases.** Know what new titles are coming to your library and be one of the first to request them. You'll find the *New Titles* option on the home page of the catalog.
- **Requests.** Request books, movies or other circulation items from all CLEVNET libraries. You can choose where you'd like to pick them up.
- **Texts and Emails.** Sign up for NetNotice to receive texts when items are available for pickup. This feature can also be set to send email reminders for when materials are due.
- **Due dates and fines.** Stay on top of when you need to return your library materials. Overdue? Pay your fines online.
- **Making a list, checking it twice.** Keep lists on what you'd like to borrow and what you've already checked out. Creating virtual bookshelves is easy!
- **How was it?** Rate and review titles you borrow, and share your opinions on them. Recommend titles for other users by creating your own lists.

Make the most of your library experience.
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Support the 2016 Summer Reading Program

Donate Today!

The 2015 Summer Reading Program was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated. Patrons had a great time, as you can see from these pictures.

The tradition of Summer Reading Programs at the Lorain Public Library System spans 40 years. The program champions the significance of reading. Academic skills can diminish in the summer when students are away from school. Our Summer Reading Program encourages children to read, which helps them maintain what they've learned in the classroom. School representatives value the program, knowing their students will return to school prepared and excited.

You may be surprised to learn that receiving books as prizes is the incentive most appreciated by both kids and adults. Coordinated programming also provides critical elements for the program, focusing on a variety of topics from music to science.

The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc. is asking for your support to fund the 2016 Summer Reading Program. With your help, the Lorain Public Library System can continue to provide the program that keeps families coming back year after year. Your monetary donation will be sincerely appreciated by the library and the community.

Make your donation now by visiting us online at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Donate. Checks may also be written, payable to The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc., and mailed to PO Box 39194, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Your gift is tax deductible and we'd love to add your name to the list of generous donors on our website.

Please call the Lorain Public Library System at 1-800-322-READ (7323) if we can be of assistance to you. As always, thank you for your continued support of the library.

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Lorain Public Library System Locations/Hours

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351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
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F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Avon Branch

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

Columbia Branch

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

Domonkas Branch

4125 E. Lake Road
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054
440-949-7410
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.;
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch

35700 Bainbridge Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039
440-327-8326
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.;
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